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Crash camera for highway intersection

To help with future safety improvements, a high tech camera which records crashes will be installed on a key intersection of the Princes Highway and Island Point Road, Tomerong which has been the site of many traffic accidents.

“The NSW Government allocated $72,000 for the crash cam, which will be installed at the end of this month putting modern technology to great use to improve safety for the community,” said Member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock MP today.

“The camera will be installed on Monday, June 27 and remain in place for about six months to record evidence of crashes at this location.

“It is not a speed camera and has not been installed as a speed deterrent, the camera works by reacting to sounds associated with a crash, at which time it will start recording.”

“This will enable Roads and Maritime Services to analyse data based on the recorded evidence and work out the best solutions to improve safety at this intersection.

“The NSW Government has also provided $100,000 for development and investigations to improve safety.

“This intersection provides access to the popular holiday destination of St Georges Basin and districts which means there is a high volume of traffic particularly during holiday periods.”

Mrs Hancock said the intersection traffic is controlled by raised medians and concrete islands.

“Some minor alterations were carried out about seven years ago to improve safety at the intersection.

“The crash camera aims to provide a better understanding of the behaviour of motorists as they enter and leave the intersection.” Mrs Hancock concluded.

In the five years to the end of June 2015, there were 31 crashes at the intersection, 16 resulted in injuries and no fatalities with most of the crashes involved vehicles turning right into the Island Point Road.
The community will be kept informed about any future plans for safety improvements at this intersection and there will be no impact to traffic while the camera is being installed.