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PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVED IN EAST MAITLAND

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter Scot MacDonald MLC today announced work to improve pedestrian safety on Lindesay Street at East Maitland is now complete.

Mr MacDonald said the NSW Government allocated $550,000 to make it safer for pedestrians to cross Lindesay Street between Cumberland Street and Raymond Terrace Road.

“Roads and Maritime Services provided a new pedestrian crossing on Pierce Street and built concrete refuges near Rolleston and Narang streets to encourage pedestrians to cross the road at these specific locations,” Mr MacDonald said.

“The project included upgrading pedestrian facilities near the High Street roundabout with new concrete islands in the median.

“Connecting footpaths to the refuges, kerb and gutter and ramps have also been built to improve pedestrian access to Lindesay Street.”

“A bus stop between Narang and George streets was relocated about 40 metres east allowing work to be carried out.”

Mr MacDonald said work started on the project in April this year and was completed on Friday 23 June.

“Another project to install lighting at the painted pedestrian crossing near Pierce Street will be carried out later this year,” Mr MacDonald said.

Councillor and Acting Chairman of the Local Traffic Committee Bob Geoghegan said “This is a much-needed and welcome improvement for both adults and schoolchildren crossing Lindesay Street. It is a wide street with sight distance issues for pedestrians.”

“I encourage all residents, especially school children to use the new crossing rather than attempt to cross Lindesay Street up towards Cumberland Street where there is very little line of sight”.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for providing feedback on the proposal in December last year and motorists for their patience while work was carried out.