UPDATE ON OXLEY HIGHWAY SPEED ZONE REVIEW

Member for Oxley Melinda Pavey today updated the community on the review into a number of proposed speed zone changes along the Oxley Highway.

In 2015, Roads and Maritime Services, in collaboration with Centre for Road Safety, completed a route safety review of the Oxley Highway.

To reduce the incidence and severity of road crashes on the highway, safety initiatives including speed reductions are being implemented.

“Last year a reduction in the speed limit was announced for a 40 kilometre section of the highway between Long Flat and Walcha, from 100 km/h to 70 km/h and 80 km/h,” Melinda Pavey said.

“There was significant community objection to the proposed change which is why we are now gathering more traffic data to further examine the proposed changes, including the reduction on this section.

“A range of options are being considered with the aim of improving safety for all motorists while minimising impact on regional tourism,” Mrs Pavey said.

“The NSW Government is funding the delivery of vital road improvements along the 514 kilometre Oxley Highway.

“We are delivering what these communities expect– with a number of projects now under way or currently in planning.

The NSW government has committed $60 million to improve safety and travel times on the Oxley Highway.

Melinda Pavey said work on the first of these projects started in the Oxley electorate last year with improvements to drainage, road resurfacing, five pull over bays and installation of emergency satellite phones.

“Significant realignment projects are being developed for sections of the highway near Wauchope, at Spencers Cutting and near Rosewood Road,” Mrs Pavey said.

Plans for the Wauchope Main Street are also progressing.
Roads and Maritime is working with Port Macquarie-Hastings Council to finalise the design, with work expected to start this year.

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