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Fix on the way for dangerous curve on Old Pacific Highway at Mooney Mooney Creek

- Wider shoulder, improved line marking and safety rail to be installed to improve safety on dangerous bend, especially for motorcyclists
- Works to be complete in around a month’s time
- $250,000 project funded under Australian Government’s Black Spot Programme

Works are now underway to fix a dangerous curve on the Old Pacific Highway at Mooney Mooney Creek on New South Wales’ Central Coast.

Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said the Australian Government has committed $250,000 through the Black Spot Programme to improve safety on the bend, located 730 metres south of the M1 Pacific Highway.

“Road crashes cause an enormous amount of strain on communities and emergency services, and upgrades like this one will really help reduce injuries on our road network,” Mr Chester said.

“The Black Spot Programme is making our roads safer for all motorists by targeting locations where crashes are occurring. The Australian Government has allocated $19.2 million for 52 Black Spot projects across New South Wales in 2017–18.

“I'm passionate about keeping people safe on our roads, and Black Spot projects are planned to reduce fatalities and injuries.”

Federal Member for Robertson Lucy Wicks said the upgrade would address a long-standing issue for the community.

“In the five years to June 2016 there were three crashes on this curve, all resulting in injuries to motorcyclists, so this is a location where the Australian Government can make a real difference to the community,” Ms Wicks said.

“The Mooney Mooney Creek Black Spot project will involve widening the southbound road shoulder and changing line marking to increase separation between the north and southbound travel lanes.

“This will greatly reduce the potential for motorists losing control on the bend. In addition, a 140-metre safety barrier with a motorcycle safety rail will be installed along the southbound shoulder to reduce the severity of injury to motorcyclists in the event of a crash.”
Work on the project started from Sunday 18 June and is expected to take four weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Work will be carried out Sunday to Thursday between 7pm and 5am. Some work will be required to be carried out on weekdays between 7am and 5pm