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HIGH PEDESTRIAN AREA SPEED LIMIT TO BE EXTENDED IN NORTH WOLLONGONG

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads, John Ajaka MLC today announced a 40km/h high pedestrian area speed limit will be implemented on sections of Cliff Road, Georges Place, Blackett Street and George Hanley Drive at North Wollongong in the next fortnight, weather permitting.

"Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has carried out a review as part of the NSW audit of speed zones. The review assessed a number of factors including road environment, traffic characteristics and crash data," Mr Ajaka said.

"The extension of the existing 40 km/h zone in Cliff Road will mean the entire foreshore area from Fairy Creek Lagoon through to the entertainment precinct at Crown Street is limited to 40km/h to reflect the high number of pedestrians which use the area.

This area includes the popular tourist destinations of Stuart Park, North Wollongong Beach, Belmore Basin, Flagstaff Hill, Wollongong City Beach and Lang Park.

This change complements Wollongong City Council’s Blue Mile precinct which encourages pedestrian and cycling activities.

“The change will improve safety for all road users especially the elderly, children and cyclists,” Mr Ajaka said.

Warning signs will be in place to advise motorists of the change and will remain for at least a week after the new speed limit signs have been installed.

Work to change the speed limits will be carried out from 14 January, weather permitting.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and have their say on speed limits.

For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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