MULTI MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT ON THE KINGS HIGHWAY

Major work will start soon on a 1.2 kilometre eastbound overtaking lane on a notorious stretch of the Kings Highway, the Member for Monaro John Barilaro said today.

The overtaking lane east of the Shoalhaven River will be positioned on a section of the Highway, which had no formal eastbound overtaking opportunities for around 20 kilometres.

The $1.8 million upgrade is fully funded by the NSW Coalition was part of the Government’s commitment to road safety.

“This 20 kilometre section of the highway has had 62 crashes for the six years between 2007 and 2012,” Mr Barilaro said.

“This project is part of the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government’s commitment to deliver safe, efficient and high quality infrastructure to the community and businesses of the Monaro.

“These upgrades come as a result of the Kings Highway Route Safety review. A lack of overtaking opportunities was identified by the community and stakeholders as their greatest safety concern on the highway.”

Mr Barilaro said the NSW Government had listened to the concerns of the community and was delivering infrastructure the community and businesses in Monaro expected and deserved.

“For 16 years Labor neglected what really mattered to the communities and businesses in this region. Now there is a grown up government working with local communities to improve safety along this key corridor,” Mr Barilaro said.

“We are delivering the safety upgrades to the Kings Highway the former government was unable to deliver.”

A number of other works are currently underway on the Kings Highway. This includes:

- The $400,000 construction on a 1.6 kilometre shoulder widening project just east of the Goulburn Road intersection at Doughboy has started. The project will also extend the westbound overtaking lane by 100 metres and provide improvements to the road pavement and will be completed by end June 2014.
- $130,000 improvements to road pavement and line marking configuration around the Glenmore Road in Braidwood will start in mid May 2014
- Safety upgrades including improvements to shoulders and guardrail near Misty Mountain Road will start in mid-2014.
- A number of other safety upgrades along the highway are also being developed as part of this funding

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