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SAFETY UPGRADE TO IMPROVE LEGGETTS DRIVE AT BRUNKERVILLE

Roads and Maritime Services will start the second stage of work tomorrow to improve safety on Leggets Drive at Brunkerville.

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport and Roads Ray Williams MP said the NSW Government has provided $2.3 million for work to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes on NSW roads.

“In the five years to June 2013 there were eight crashes including one fatal crash on this section of Leggets Drive. These safety improvements aim to prevent future crashes in the area,” Mr Williams said.

“The upgrade includes widening the western side of the road, installing wire safety barriers along the central median and installing a u-turn bay on the eastern side of Leggetts Drive 500 metres north of Heaten’s Gap.”

Work will be carried out on weekdays from Tuesday 16 September between 7am and 5pm and on Saturday between 7am and 1pm, weather permitting. Work is expected to be completed in 14 weeks.

Mr Williams said the first stage of work on a 300 metre curved section of road near the BP service station at Heaton’s Gap was completed earlier this month.

“Work included widening the road shoulder and installing a newly painted central median and almost 150 metres of wire rope on the central median to reduce the risk of motorists crossing to the wrong side of the road,” Mr Williams said.

“The second stage of work is being carried out along a one kilometre curved section of Leggetts Drive, 2.3 kilometres north of Palmers Road at Brunkerville.

“The project is part of Roads and Maritime’s efforts to improve safety on Leggetts Drive and deliver high quality infrastructure to the community and businesses of the Hunter region,” Mr Williams said.

Leggetts Drive will remain open during work with reduced speed limits in place. Signs will be in place to inform road users of changed traffic conditions.

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