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WALL NEAR SEACLIFF BRIDGE TO BE STABILISED WITH 45,000 TONNES OF ROCK

Lee Evans, Member for Heathcote has today announced Roads and Maritime Services will start work next week to transport more than 45,000 tonnes of rock to be used to stabilise the embankment north of the Seacliff Bridge on Lawrence Hargrave Drive at Coalcliff.

Mr Evans said the NSW Government allocated $3 million to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians and reduce future maintenance needs by protecting the embankment below the road north of Seacliff Bridge.

“This work is an important part of Roads and Maritime’s long term strategy to manage the stability of the embankment on Lawrence Hargrave Drive and prevent slips,” Mr Evans said.

“Embankment slips are a characteristic of this area because of its exposure to the ocean, ground water issues and the unstable geology. Roads and Maritime has been monitoring and treating the slopes along Lawrence Hargrave Drive for many years to ensure road users’ safety.”

Mr Evans said rocks will be transported from local quarries to the Illawarra Coke Company (ICC) site at Coalcliff, where they will be stockpiled before being placed on the embankment.

“Motorists are advised there will be around 15 truck movements a day from quarries to the ICC stockpile,” Mr Evans said.

“Trucks delivering to the ICC site will travel from the north, while trucks delivering to the worksite will travel south.”

Truck movements in and out of ICC will be limited to between 8am and 3pm on weekdays to minimise delays for motorists. No truck movements to the worksite will take place during the July school holidays between 29 June and 13 July.

From 13 July, there will be around 20 truck movements a day between ICC and the worksite.

Work on site will be carried out between 7am and 5pm on weekdays and 8am and 1pm on Saturday. Work to stabilize the embankment is expected to be completed by the end of October, weather permitting.

Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place during work for the safety of workers and motorists. Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Minor delays may be experienced while trucks move between ICC and the worksite.

“This work forms part of Roads and Maritime’s commitment to providing safe and high quality infrastructure to the Illawarra community,” Mr Evans said.

Roads and Maritime thanks motorists for their patience.

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