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MAJOR WORK CONTRACT AWARDED FOR $36 MILLION NEWELL HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT AT TREWILGA

Member for Orange Andrew Gee today announced Haslin Constructions Pty Ltd has been awarded the major work tender for the 6.5 kilometre realignment of Newell Highway at Trewilga, between Peak Hill and Parkes.

Mr Gee said tenders were called in November last year, with seven companies registering their interest in delivering the $36 million project as part of the NSW Government's Newell Highway Corridor Strategy.

“The project will involve building a new 3.2 kilometre alignment, widening the traffic lanes and sealed shoulders, providing a 1.3 kilometre northbound overtaking lane, a truck parking area on the eastern side of the highway and a bus turning area at Kadina Road,” Mr Gee said.

“The Newell Highway is an important link for freight movements from the Victorian border up to Queensland. Heavy vehicles make up almost a third of traffic along this section of the highway and numbers are expected to increase annually.

“The project aims to improve the safety of the highway for road users and address the higher crash rate along this section of road. The project will also improve travel times and reduce road and vehicle maintenance costs.

“Trewilga is also the only rural section of the Newell Highway between Forbes and Gilgandra where the speed limit is 100 km/h and not 110 km/h. The speed limit at Trewilga will be raised to 110 km/h once work is completed.”

Mr Gee said work is expected to start later this month and is due for completion in March 2018.

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