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$1.3 MILLION ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON PUTTY ROAD

Roads and Maritime Services will start safety improvement work from Monday 23 May on Putty Road near Milbrodale and Putty.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Hunter, Scot MacDonald MLC said the NSW Government allocated $720,000 for work to improve safety on stretches of the road with a history of motorcycle crashes.

“In the five years to June 2015 there were four crashes on Putty Road from one kilometre south to 700 metres north of Putty Valley Road all resulting in injuries,” Mr MacDonald said.

“Two fatal crashes were also recorded last year about 16.5 kilometres south of Milbrodale.

“The majority of these crashes involved vehicles losing control and veering off the road on a curve.

“Work will involve widening the road shoulders, road resurfacing and improving safety barriers and line marking to reduce the risk of crashes on a total of six bends.”

Mr MacDonald said the Australian Government allocated $630,000 through the Federal Blackspot Programme for an additional safety improvement project near Milbrodale.

“In the five years to June 2015 there were five head-on crashes on Putty Road from 30 metres south to 1.6 kilometres north of Darkey Creek Road at Milbrodale, resulting in three injury crashes,” Mr MacDonald said.

“This work will involve widening the road shoulders, installing new signs and improving safety barriers and line marking.

“Putty Road is popular with recreational motorcyclists and this work will include
upgrading the existing safety barriers to provide motorcycle specific protection on the outside of road bends.”

Work is scheduled to start on Monday 23 May and will be carried out on Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm.

One lane will be closed during the upgrade work and signs, traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h will be in place.

All three upgrades are expected to be completed by the end of June, weather permitting.

Roads and Maritime thanks motorists for their patience while these important safety upgrades are carried out.

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