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$7.2 MILLION IN NEW SAFETY WORK FOR THE NEWELL HIGHWAY TO START IN AUGUST

Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries today announced work will start in August on a major package of safety improvement work for the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Coonabarabran.

Mr Humphries said the NSW Government allocated $7.2 million for the work which will include building two new overtaking lanes.

“This work will increase the number of opportunities for motorists to safely pass other vehicles on the Newell Highway which currently has one southbound and three northbound overtaking lanes. The work will add an additional southbound and northbound overtaking lane to the section of road in the Pilliga,” Mr Humphries said.

“Tree clearing will also be carried out to improve motorist sight lines and provide a clear zone of 11 metres, which is the standard for the Newell Highway. The road shoulders will also be widened and the centre line of the road expanded for improved safety for all road users.

“There will be 20 people employed during the six months it will take to deliver the project, including gravel delivery drivers, tree clearing contractors and road workers.”

Work is scheduled to start in mid-August and will be carried out on weekdays from 7am to 5pm, weather permitting.

Changed traffic conditions will be in place including single lane closures in the work area for the safety of workers and motorists.

Motorists should plan their trip, allow extra travel time and follow the direction of all signs, including a reduced speed limit of 40 km/h.

Roads and Maritime Services thanks motorists for their patience during this important road upgrade work, which is due for completion in March next year.

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