Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Upper Hunter today announced that motorists will soon benefit from continuing upgrade work on a number of sections on the New England Highway designed to improve safety.

Mr Johnsen said the NSW Government provided $12.5 million for work between Murrurundi and Parkville as part of a $25 million program of work on the New England Highway.

“Roads and Maritime Services is continuing work rebuild the road surface at six locations on the highway to strengthen and improve the road and improve safety and travel times,” Mr Johnsen said.

“Work to be carried out on the travel lanes and road shoulders from late October includes drainage and stabilisation work as well as road resurfacing, improving line marking, upgrading safety barriers and installing new signs at intersections where required.

“For the safety of motorists it is necessary to remove five trees in the road reserve near the entrance to Emirates Park.

Mr Johnsen said removing these trees will improve motorist site lines and each tree will promptly be replaced nearby with five silky oak trees.

“The trees will be removed across two days in mid October by a licensed contractor specialising in tree removal.

“Our local community is invited to find out more about the project, meet the project team and provide feedback at drop-in information sessions being held on Thursday 28 September,” Mr Johnsen said.
The sessions will be held in a marquee at Parkvill on the New England Highway between Roach and Skinner Streets, from 10.30am to 12 pm and next to the Murrurundi Visitor Information Centre on the New England Highway at Murrurundi from 1pm to 2.30pm.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for its patience while this important work is carried out.

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