NSW GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES $12 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR PICTON ROAD

NSW Minister for Roads Duncan Gay today announced the NSW Government would provide $12 million for safety upgrades on Picton Road.

Mr Gay made the announcement today on Picton Road, together with Member for Wollondilly Jai Rowell.

“Before the election the NSW Liberals & Nationals committed to provide funding to build on the work already completed to improve safety on this notorious road,” said Mr Gay.

“During the five years to 2010, there were 169 crashes in which 15 people died and 110 were injured.

“In light of those figures, it gives me great pleasure to be here today to fulfill our election promise and honour that commitment.

“The funding enables the RTA to deliver a $42.6 million program of safety work to reduce the number and severity of the most common types of crashes along a 27km stretch of Picton Road.

“The $12 million funding will build on the work already being carried out and help further improve safety.

“Crash data is now being reviewed in detail to develop further projects.”

Mr Rowell said a program of work would be developed in consultation between the Centre for Road Safety and Southern Region, and would include implementation of measures such as median barriers and road shoulder widening.

“This will ensure the solutions clearly deal with the crash types and road safety concerns on Picton Road,” he said.

“Work was almost finished on curve and intersection improvements near Cordeaux Dam.”
“This $2 million project involves widening the road and shoulders to provide a right hand turn lane for eastbound traffic turning off Picton Road.

“I’m pleased that the RTA is also nearing completion on the first stage of the upgrade at Mt Keira Road.

“Stage one involves installation of a concrete median barrier and extension of the westbound overtaking lane west of Mt Keira Road.”

The second stage of work on Picton Road at Mt Keira Road is scheduled to start in early 2012.

The work will involve improving two curves about 1.5 km west of Mt Keira Road, the installation of concrete median and improvements to the road and shoulder.

The current program of safety improvements is on track for completion in 2013.