LEETON SWITCHES ON FIRST TRAFFIC LIGHTS WHILE GRIFFITH GETS BOOM GATES

Local Member Adrian Piccoli today announced that Leeton has switched on its first set of traffic lights today.

"The NSW Government contributed $1 million for lights at the intersection of Irrigation Way, Canal Street and Vance Road and boom gates at the Canal Street level crossing," Mr Piccoli said.

“The benefits of this project are substantial and will go a long way towards improving safety at this site.

"Between 2003 and 2010, there were seven crashes, including six injury crashes, at this location.

“The crashes happened in fine weather and speed, fatigue and alcohol were not considered to be contributing factors in any of the incidents.

“The safety of pedestrians and cyclists who use the cycle track on Irrigation Way and Canal Street will also be improved,” he said.

The newly installed boom gates at the Irrigation Way and Blumer Avenue level crossing in Griffith will begin operating tonight.

Mr Piccoli said the NSW Government had contributed $1 million towards the project, which also includes the city’s third set of traffic lights.

“The completion of these projects marks two important milestones in traffic flow and road safety in the Riverina,” Mr Piccoli concluded.

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