TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MACQUARIE PASS

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today said that safety on Macquarie Pass is about to be improved with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) starting maintenance work in a number of areas.

"The work includes essential vegetation maintenance, shoulder repairs and guardrail extensions," Mr Ward said.

"Part of the work will involve the removal of two large trees and one stump about two thirds of the way up the pass to reduce crash hazards for vehicles leaving the road," he said.

"Other vegetation and some small protruding rocks will also be removed and low overhanging branches pruned from various locations from the bottom of the pass to the first hairpin.

"RMS will carry out the essential maintenance on Macquarie Pass from Monday 12 to Friday 16 March 2012, weather permitting," Mr Ward said.

"During the work Macquarie Pass will be closed to motorists between 9am and 3pm daily.

"Macquarie Pass will be open in both directions outside of these times however motorists are advised to be alert for work equipment when travelling through the area.

"Access to properties on Macquarie Pass will be maintained but residents may experience minor delays.

"Emergency vehicles and buses will still be able to use the pass during the work," he said.

"During the road closure motorists should use either Picton Road, Sheepwash Road, Moss Vale Road or Cambewarra Road as alternative routes. Light vehicles can also use Jamberoo Valley Mountain Road.

"Electronic message signs will be in place across the road network to provide motorists with advanced warning of the changed traffic conditions and alternative routes," Mr Ward said.