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SAFETY AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS START AT EDGEWORTH

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is starting work this week on safety improvements on Main Road and Minmi Road, Edgeworth.

The Nationals Duty MLC for Cessnock Trevor Khan said $350,000 has been provided under the NSW Government’s Traffic Efficiency and the Road Toll Response programs to improve safety at this location.

“In the five years to December 2008 there were 19 crashes, including nine injury crashes at the intersection of Main and Minmi roads,” Mr Khan said.

“Since November 2008 there have been three pedestrians injured crossing Main Road between Minmi Road and Callan Street.

“The initial work involves installation of pedestrian fencing in the Main Road median between Minmi Road and Callan Street.

“Pedestrians will be able to safely cross the road using the traffic lights at either Minmi Road or Callan Street.

“The work also includes installing a new pedestrian crossing on the western side of the traffic lights at Main and Minmi roads to improve pedestrian access.

“Work will be carried out from Sunday to Friday from 7pm until 5am the next morning, one lane will be closed.

“Traffic control will be in place during the work with a 40km/h speed limit enforced.

“The work is expected to be completed in June, weather permitting.

“The community will be consulted again mid this year about the proposal to provide two right turn lanes for westbound traffic from Main Road into Minmi Road.

“RMS will be seeking wider community comment and input before a decision is made on its installation,” Mr Khan said.

RMS thanks motorists for their patience during this important work. Motorists should obey all signs at the site, including reduced speed limit signs.

Be roadwork aware, slow down and take care – roadwork speed limits are enforceable.