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UPGRADES TO NEWELL AND KAMILAROI HIGHWAYS

Work has today started on safety improvements at the intersection of the Newell and Oxley highways, five kilometres north of Coonabarabran.

Member for Barwon, Kevin Humphries said the NSW Government has provided $500,000 as part of a $30 million package to improve safety on the Newell Highway.

“The project includes upgrading the intersection by providing a designated turning lane for traffic turning left onto the Oxley Highway,” Mr Humphries said.

“A dedicated turning lane will also be provided for motorists turning right out of the Oxley Highway onto the Newell Highway.

“The work also involves upgrading the line marking and signs at the intersection.

“This project will improve road safety for all motorists using this busy highway.

“Roads and Maritime Services will carry out work Monday to Saturday between 7am and 6pm, weather permitting.

“One lane will be closed with traffic control in place and a 40km/h roadwork speed limit enforced.

“Work is expected to be completed in May, weather permitting,” Mr Humphries said.

Motorists may experience minor delays during this work.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has this week also started work to improve safety on the Kamilaroi Highway between Narrabri and Gunnedah.

Mr Humphries said RMS has provided $120,000 to install wire rope safety barriers along 8.8 kilometres of the highway at eight locations where the road narrows.

“The work will improve safety for all road users including heavy vehicles,” Mr Humphries said.

“By making these safety improvements the Kamilaroi Highway between Narrabri and Gunnedah can be opened to road trains.

“The work is part of the NSW Government’s commitment to allow road trains on to more regional roads.

“This will improve freight distribution and productivity in the western region,” Mr Humphries said.

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