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SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON THE NEWELL HIGHWAY BETWEEN JERILDERIE AND TOCUMWAL

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is advising motorists of changes to speed limits on the Newell Highway between Jerilderie and Tocumwal this week.

Mr Williams said RMS carried out a review of this section of highway as part of the NSW audit of speed zones.

“The review assessed a number of factors including road environment, traffic characteristics and crash data,” Mr Williams said.

“As a result of the review the 50km/h speed limit will be extended 470 metres north of Billabong Creek bridge and the 110km/h speed limit will be extended south to join the new 50km/h speed limit.

“The 70km/h speed limit will be replaced with a 50km/h speed limit to join the existing 110km/h speed limit about 600 metres south of the southern side of Coonong Street, Jerilderie.

“A consistent 110km/h speed limit will be created between Jerilderie and Finley by removing the existing three 100km/h speed limits.

“The 70km/h speed limit will be replaced with a 50km/h speed limit at Finley and the 80km/h speed limit will be replaced with an extension of the 100km/h to join the 50km/h speed limit south of Finley.

“The northern end of the existing 80km/h speed limit in Tocumwal will be extended to 50 metres north of Old Adcocks Road to create a consistent two kilometre 80km/h speed limit.

“There will be no change to the existing 100km/h speed limit between Finley and Tocumwal.

“The number of speed limit changes will be reduced from 16 to six and will create more consistency in speed limits for motorists travelling on the Newell Highway between Jerilderie and Tocumwal.

“The speed limit changes are also expected to improve road safety for all road users.

“Motorists are reminded to drive carefully and pay extra attention during the transition period,” Mr Williams said.

Electronic message signs are in place to advise motorists of the changes and will remain in place for at least a week after the speed limit changes.

RMS expects the new speed limit signs to be installed from 7 June, weather permitting.

Members of the community can sign up at the Safer Roads NSW website to receive updates about changes to permanent speed limits in their nominated area and have their say on speed limits.

For more information visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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