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FEEDBACK SOUGHT FOR PROPOSED SAFETY
AND TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENTS AT EDGEWORTH

The Nationals Duty MLC for Cessnock Trevor Khan today said that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is seeking feedback from the wider community on proposed safety and traffic improvements on Main and Minmi roads at Edgeworth.

Trevor Khan said $350,000 has been provided under the Traffic Efficiency and the Road Toll Response programs to improve safety and traffic flow 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 while crossing Main Road between Minmi Road and Callan Street.

“RMS recently completed work to install pedestrian fencing in the median of Main Road at this location. Pedestrians can safely cross the road using the traffic lights at either Minmi Road or Callan Street.

“A new pedestrian crossing is also being installed on the western side of the traffic lights at Main and Minmi roads to improve pedestrian access.

“RMS is proposing to provide two right turn lanes for westbound traffic turning from Main Road into Minmi Road.

“Traffic counts have shown more than 450 vehicles an hour turn right into Minmi Road in the morning and afternoon peak. Installing an additional lane for right turning vehicles will improve traffic flow at this busy intersection.

“The installation of the additional right turn lane will affect on-street parking in the area.

“A 75 metre ‘no stopping’ zone will be installed on the western side of Minmi Road and 15 parking spaces will be removed on Main Road, next to the shopping centre. Parking will still be available on-site at the shopping centre.

“RMS is seeking comments on the proposal which can be submitted to RMS by post, email or phone until Monday 20 August,” Mr Khan said.

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A community update detailing the proposal will be distributed to local residents and is available to view at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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