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SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON NEW ILLAWARRA ROAD, LUCAS HEIGHTS

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is advising motorists of a speed limit change on New Illawarra Road at Lucas Heights in the next two weeks.

Member for Menai, Melanie Gibbons said RMS carried out a review of the road as part of the NSW audit of speed zones.

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

“As a result of the review the 70km/h speed limit on New Illawarra Road will be increased to 80km/h between Heathcote Road at Lucas Heights and Recreation Drive at Barden Ridge.

“The change is based on this part of the road being in a rural environment with limited direct access and a low crash history.

“The speed limit increase will create a consistent 80km/h speed limit on Alfords Point Road/New Illawarra Road.

“RMS recently carried out safety improvements in the area including the upgrade of traffic lights at the intersection of Heathcote Road and New Illawarra Road and increasing the length of the acceleration lane for traffic turning right from Little Forest Road onto New Illawarra Road.

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

Electronic message signs will be in place a week before the new speed limit signs are installed to advise motorists of the change.

These message signs will remain in place for a week after the speed limit change.

RMS expects the new speed limit signs to be installed from 10 August, 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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