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ROAD UPGRADE COMPLETED ON THE GOLDEN HIGHWAY AT GUNGAL

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George Souris, MP Member for Upper Hunter announced today the RTA will this week complete work on the second stage of an upgrade of the Golden Highway near Gungal, weather permitting.

Mr. Souris said the NSW Government has provided $1.2 million to upgrade this 2.5 kilometre section of the highway west of Gungal.

“This second stage of work included widening the road to provide two metre sealed shoulders on either side of the highway and the installation of barriers to improve safety for motorists,” Mr Souris said.

“The Golden Highway provides important access from mid-western part NSW to the New England Highway and the Port of Newcastle. This project is part of the NSW Government’s commitment to upgrading roads in the Hunter region.

“The NSW Government is providing $2.7 million for the overall upgrade of 4.3 kilometres of the Golden Highway near Gungal.

“The first stage of the upgrade provided 1.8 kilometres of wider road immediately west of the second stage and was completed in October 2010.

“The upgrade to the Golden Highway near Gungal provides a wider road which improves safety for motorists and reduces future maintenance costs,” Mr Souris said.

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