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## Media Release

# Upgrade to start on New England Highway at Burning Mountain, north of Wingen

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Better journeys are on the horizon for motorists who use the New England Highway, with work on safety upgrade to start at Burning Mountain north of Wingen.

The NSW Labor Government is investing \$3 million to deliver the highway upgrade which will include stabilising and resealing the existing road pavement and making improvements to drainage.

Work will be carried out on a 2.7-kilometre section of the highway, about four kilometres north of Wingen from Tuesday 20 February.

To be carried out between 7am and 5pm on weekdays, the upgrade is expected to be completed by mid-April, weather permitting.

The Burning Mountain Rest Area will remain open to all motorists while the work is carried out.

### Quotes from Regional Transport and Roads Minister Jenny Aitchison

“The NSW Labor Government is committed to improving safety for our regional road users and this investment reinforces that commitment.”

“This highway is an important link in our road network for residents, local industries and tourism and this upgrade will ensure safer and smother journeys for the 6000 road users who use this corridor each day.”

### Quotes from Labor’s spokesperson for Upper Hunter, Emily Suvaal

“This upgrade is a win for road users who use this section of the New England Highway, near Wingen.

“The NSW Labor Government is prioritising the people in the bush and we will continue to fund these vital safety upgrades.

“Congratulations to Transport for NSW and its contractors for carrying out this important work which help ensure all road users make it home safely every day.”

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