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## **WORK STARTS ON NEW HEAVY VEHICLE INSPECTION STATION FOR CENTRAL WEST NSW**

A new heavy vehicle inspection station to be built on the Golden Highway will make one of the state's key freight links safer.

Work to build the new facility is now underway, about seven kilometres east of Ballimore, between Dubbo and Dunedoo, on the western side of the Golden Highway.

The project forms part of a jointly funded, \$23.7 million commitment under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP) to implement a series of improvements along the Golden Highway. This new facility is one of these improvements, to which the Australian Government has committed \$3.7 million and the NSW Government \$3.3 million.

The facility will utilise Intelligent Transport System (ITS) components including electronic speed signs, open/closed signage and network facilities.

It will facilitate compliance monitoring and enforcement of heavy vehicles on the Golden Highway, reducing heavy vehicle overloading, fatigue-related heavy vehicle crashes and the risk of non-compliant vehicles travelling to Dubbo.

Most heavy vehicles registered in NSW need to be inspected annually under the Heavy Vehicle Inspection Scheme (HVIS) to ensure roadworthiness.

Bookings for inspections can be made by visiting  
<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/book-heavy-vehicle-inspection>.

The Golden Highway is a major freight link connecting Dubbo in the state's west with the Hunter region, Newcastle and Sydney via the Castlereagh Highway and Great Western Highway.

A map of other heavy vehicle inspection stations can be found at  
<https://transport.nsw.gov.au/operations/roads-and-waterways/business-and-industry>.

For further information on the HVSPP visit: <https://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/about/local-initiatives/heavy-vehicle-safety-and-productivity-program>.

**Quotes attributable to Federal Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Carol Brown:**

“The HVSP provides funding for projects like this which work to make our most utilised freight routes safer for truckies and everyone using our roads.

“This inspection station is one of many HVSP projects increasing safety and reliability for the trucking industry across Australia while enhancing access and improve freight transport through local rural communities.”

**Quotes attributable to NSW Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison:**

“Heavy vehicle safety stations are an important part of Transport for NSW’s on-road enforcement program.

“There is a network of these heavy vehicle safety stations on major routes across the state which heavy vehicle inspectors use as a base to intercept and inspect heavy vehicles to identify whether any may be operating illegally or in an unsafe manner on NSW roads.”

**Quotes attributable to Senator for New South Wales Deborah O’Neill:**

“This project, like all the projects through the HVSP, will support local communities by assisting businesses to deliver and receive their products and services by heavy vehicles more safely and efficiently.

“Through this key investment, the Australian Government is improving the safety of all road users and in particular those in the heavy vehicle freight industry accessing the Golden Highway between Dubbo and Dunedoo.”

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