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MEDIA RELEASE

SAFER JOURNEYS FOR MOTORISTS ALONG PUTTY ROAD

Motorists are now experiencing safer and smoother journeys along Putty Road after the completion of safety upgrades between Milbrodale and Putty.

The project was jointly funded under the Australian Governments Road Safety Program, under Tranche 1, Tranche 2 and Tranche 3 and the NSW Government.

The completed work includes shoulder widening to improve lane widths, resurfacing on curves, and installing more than eight kilometres of guardrail, more than one kilometre of motorcycle protection rail and improved signage.

Spray sealing was completed in November 2022, with temporary line marking to remain in place until the installation of rumble strips is completed in early 2023.

A reduced speed limit, lane and shoulder closures and stop/slow traffic arrangements will be in place during work hours for the safety of motorists and workers.

Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control.

The Australian Government has contributed more than \$2.26 million towards the projects with the New South Wales Government contributing \$444,720.

More information about work on Putty Road is available [here](#).

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

“The Australian Government is investing in road safety awareness and innovation activities, upgrading driver reviver sites, and the fast roll-out of lifesaving road treatments on rural and regional roads such as Putty Road.

“No deaths on Australian roads by 2050 is the Australian Government’s ‘Vision Zero’, but we all need to play our part.”

Quotes attributable to NSW Regional Transport and Roads Minister Sam Farraway:

“If you’re one of the 1,000 motorists who use this corridor on a daily basis, this final stage of the upgrade will make your journey safer and smoother.

“It takes a suite of measures to keep people safe on our roads and building safer roads to drive on is one of many priorities for the NSW Liberal and Nationals Government.

“These safety upgrades also complement the flood recovery work on Putty Road, which is progressing through the design process.”

Quotes attributable to Federal Member for Hunter Dan Repacholi:

“The Australian and NSW governments are committed to working together to improving journeys for motorists.

“The safety of road users is our top priority, which is why we are upgrading Putty Road with funding from the Australian Governments Road Safety Program.”

Quotes attributable to State Member for Upper Hunter Dave Layzell:

“As the local member of a close-knit community any death in our town extends beyond the immediate family to the local cop who attends the scene to the community who sees one less familiar face around.

“Wider lanes will make it safer for truckies and cars to share this road and ensure motorists reach their destination and get home to loved ones.”

Images available [here](#)

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