

## Locals to have their say on safety improvements planned for Bruxner Highway intersection

STATE Member for Lismore Janelle Saffin is encouraging local residents to have their say on what the final safety solution should be at the Bruxner Highway intersection with Cowlong and Alphadale roads, east of Lismore.

The Minns Labor Government is investing \$7.5 million, through its Regional Roads Fund, to make the intersection safer for motorists.

After conducting extensive research into the best upgrade option, Transport for NSW has recommended traffic signals be installed.

Transport for NSW found that due to the existing topography of the site, any roundabout would likely have a slight gradient, potentially increasing risks for truck rollovers. Traffic lights would not increase the risk of truck rollovers and be a safer option.

In addition, the proposed lights would sit mostly within the road reserve and limit the need for acquisition of surrounding property which would be required if a roundabout was constructed.

Traffic lights also have a small footprint, which means earthwork is minimised, as is disruption to motorists during installation.

Anyone wishing to have their say or find out more about the proposed Transport for NSW solution can visit <a href="www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bruxner-highway-cowlong-alphadale">www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/bruxner-highway-cowlong-alphadale</a> and share their views before the feedback period ends on Sunday 24 November.

A Project Update and Frequently Asked Questions can be found at <a href="https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/bruxner-highway-and-cowlong-and-alphadale-roads-intersection-improvements">https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/bruxner-highway-and-cowlong-and-alphadale-roads-intersection-improvements</a>

**Quotes attributable to State Member for Lismore, Janelle Saffin:** 

"A safety upgrade has been needed at the Alphadale crossroads for decades and we're now heading towards the pointy end of the process.

"Transport for NSW is keen to hear feedback from the community on this preferred option and I encourage people with an interest in this increasingly busy section of the Bruxner to share their views.

"While it was originally thought that a roundabout would be workable as an option, Transport for NSW has found that following early technical investigations, traffic lights are the best safety solution for this intersection.

"I'm pleased that the community's calls for safety improvements have been taken seriously and that we have a plan of action.

"The community has a formal opportunity throughout November to have their say in helping refine that plan so we get the best possible outcome."

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