Safety upgrade of the New England Highway at Kootingal

As part of the NSW Government’s Saving Lives on Country Roads program we are proposing a number of road safety improvements between Braefarm Road and Sandy Road, Kootingal.

The NSW Government is funding important upgrades on the New England Highway as part of its Saving Lives on Country Roads program. The program has been developed to help address the disproportionate number of people dying on country roads.

The first stage of these improvements started in August 2018 between Uralla to Armidale. With other works now starting between Armidale and Wallabadah, Roads and Maritime Services is looking to improve road safety at Kootingal.

The New England Highway between Braefarm Road and Sandy Road is considered a high risk area due to the large number of intersections in the 100 km/h speed zone. We know vehicles entering and exiting high speed zones are at greater risk of being involved in crashes. When travelling at 100 km/h it takes about 100 metres to stop a car in dry conditions.

To make this section of highway safer we are proposing to:

- Install widened centre line on the highway to increase the separation of vehicles
- Install guardrail to reduce the risk of vehicles leaving the highway and hitting an object
- Consolidate access to and from the highway at Chelmsford Street and Dorothy Avenue/ Betts Lane including intersection improvements at these locations
- Improvements to the intersections at Yarrol Road, Oak Street and Sandy Road/ Porcupine Lane
- Close access to the highway from Wilson, Gill, Laurel, Pine, and Privet streets.

**How will the proposal impact me?**

You may have to access or exit the highway at a different intersection. This could result in minor increases to your travel times depending on your journey.

**Have your say**

We are seeking your feedback on the proposed safety improvements. You can provide feedback via:

**Email:** grafton.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au

**Post:** New England Highway safety work
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**For more information about the project visit:**

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Proposed safety improvements

Intersection improvement

Key:
- Road closures
- Widened centreline on Highway

New England Highway

To Tamworth

To Moonbi

Kootingal Landview Motel

Betts Lane

Dorothy Avenue

Privet Street

Damar Avenue

Dorothy Avenue

Oak Street

Pine Street

Laurel Street

Willow Park Drive

Gill Street

Wilson Street

Chelmsford Street

Hyson Street

Kootingal Landview Motel

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1.00 Kilometres

Waste Transfer Centre

KEY

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Widened centreline on Highway