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MEDIA RELEASE

WORK TO UPGRADE SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS ACROSS NSW

The NSW Government is funding an upgrade to the school zone signs as part of the state-wide Roads and Maritime School Zones Network to improve the safety for students in the area.

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading school zone signs at 400 schools across the state. This includes removing and replacing the existing static signs with school zone signs with flashing lights that aligns to the latest Roads and Maritime design installation specifications and standards.

Roads and Maritime currently manage over 5800 school zones flashing signs that keep school children safe across NSW. Installing these flashing lights in schools zones has been shown to improve driver awareness of the need to drive at a lower speed to ensure the safety of children and others coming and going from the school area.

The first to be upgraded in the area will be on Ironbark Ridge Road, between Withers Road and Spur Street, Rouse Hill. "The safety of our students and their families is paramount," said Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams. "This upgraded sign will impact the traffic around three local schools: Ironbark Ridge Primary, Our Lady of Angels Primary and Rouse Hill High School and protect hundreds of our local students on their daily travel to and from school."

New flashing signs will be installed and tested at a time outside school zone operational hours. Once the new signs are working the old signs will be removed. Work to install the signs will take one shift, between 7am and 5pm Monday and Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturday.

The work will be carried out so that it does not impact the operations of school zone flashing signs around affected schools.

There could be some footpath and lane closures while work is carried out, and we will have signposting and detours in place when required. Some parking spaces will also be unavailable while work is completed. Installations will be complete by 15th June 2017.

There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers' directions.

Mr. Williams said "I am very pleased to see the new school zone flashing lights being installed in this area; and we have more lights, coming to more schools in our electorate, which will be announced very soon".

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