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ROAD SAFETY IN FOCUS FOR ELECTORATE

Castle Hill will receive \$200,000 for vital road safety works as round four of the \$822 million Safer Roads Program begins to roll out.

Member for Castle Hill said the Safer Roads Program, which is made up of the Saving Lives on Country Roads and Liveable and Safe Urban Communities initiatives, is about saving lives on our roads.

“Projects like these will make a huge difference to locals, and help ensure everyone who travels on our roads makes it home safely at the end of the day,” Mr Williams said.

“The NSW Government is committed to reducing the road toll and it is estimated the program will prevent the loss of more than 1500 lives and serious injuries on our roads over 15 years.

“This round of the program will see \$135 million invested in 78 new projects across the state as well as continuing projects from previous rounds during the 21/22 Financial Year.

“These road improvements are designed to save lives and will include and includes a new refuge island at 580 Old Northern Road, Dural”.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said round 4 of the program, funded through the Community Road Safety Fund, would deliver 78 projects designed to save lives on roads.

“Safety barriers, rumble strips, traffic signals and wide centrelines are among the measures being rolled out under the \$135 million investment - \$92 million of that going to regional roads, building on our vision for a safer, stronger regional NSW,” Mr Toole said.

Statewide round four of the Safer Roads Program will deliver:

- **28 kilometres of safety barrier**, which absorb impact forces and protect vehicle occupants, reducing the severity of head-on and run-off-road crashes by up to 95 per cent.
- **167 kilometres of rumble strips** to alert motorists they are departing from their lane, reducing the likelihood of this crash type by up to 25 per cent.
- **More than 30 kilometres of wide centreline** providing a greater distance for drivers to recover from lane departure, reducing the likelihood of head-on crashes by up to 50 per cent and run-off-road crashes by up to 25 per cent.
- **313 high-risk rural curve improvements** including shoulder sealing, safety barriers, rumble strips, signage upgrades and line-marking upgrades.
- **47 urban intersection improvement projects** including roundabouts and traffic signal upgrades.

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