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\$3.6 MILLION TO DELIVER CURRARONG ROAD UPGRADE

The long awaited upgrade of Currarong Road is set to commence shortly after \$3.6 million was secured to fast-track road safety infrastructure projects across the Shoalhaven region.

Minister for Local Government and Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock said the upgrade is a hard-fought win for the community.

"For years I have campaigned for this dangerous stretch of road to be upgraded," Mrs Hancock said.

"Given its poor safety record, Currarong Road is in need of an urgent upgrade. Residents of Currarong deserve better, with the current road a narrow two-lane, undivided, undulating and high-speed rural road - the only access for residents in and out of the village.

"Prior to the last election, I secured over \$1.45 million to upgrade Currarong Road however Shoalhaven City Council advised additional funding was required to proceed with the works. I have now secured the required funding and want to see works commence as soon as possible!"

Planned work involves a widened centre line, shoulder widening and profile line marking along a 4.2 kilometre stretch of Currarong Road at Currarong, from about 200 metres north of Lighthouse Road to about 4.2 kilometres north along Currarong Road.

The NSW Government has already issued Shoalhaven City Council with a funding agreement so that work can begin as soon as possible.

"This upgrade will create a safer road for all users while also boosting jobs and the local economy," Mrs Hancock said.

"Bringing forward the project will give the Shoalhaven community a real shot-in-the-arm, with the region having experienced a triple whammy of bushfires, floods and COVID-19."

Funding has been secured in partnership with the State and Federal Government as part of the COVID-19 stimulus Road Safety program. Work will be undertaken by Shoalhaven City Council.

Tenders for the work will be advertised shortly.

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