



Greg Piper, MP
Member for Lake Macquarie



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Funding for Main Road Improvements

Greg Piper, Member for Lake Macquarie, has told Parliament tonight that funding to improve the Dorrington Rd intersection is welcome but there are other urgent improvements needed on Main Road 217.

Mr Piper was informed today by Roads Minister Eric Rozendaal that \$1.3m will be provided to the RTA for improvements to the dangerous intersection of Dorrington Rd and Wangi Rd. The money is additional to the \$750,000 already promised by the federal government.

"This is a great win for the electorate," Mr Piper said. "Along with local residents I've pushed hard to get this problem fixed. The Federal Member for Charlton, Greg Combet, has been a great help with this issue and the Federal Blackspot funding will be a big help".

Mr Piper also told Parliament of two other problem areas at Toronto and between Teralba and Fennell Bay.

With last year's Five Island upgrade the congestion has moved further south and the T intersection at Woodrising has become more dangerous. At Toronto there are five intersections within 400 metres and congestion is caused by merging, turning lanes and uncoordinated traffic lights. Most of the land required for road-widening has already been purchased and Mr Piper has asked for the work to be brought forward.

"This road is the backbone of westlakes communities and periods of congestion are becoming longer and more frequent," Mr Piper said. "These problems must be fixed so the road can serve a growing population."