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Joint Media Statement

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Work begins on fixing black spot north of Roma

- **Almost \$2 million to fix Carnarvon Highway black spot north of Roma**
- **Upgrade will widen and extend auxiliary lane at the Roma-Taroom Road turnoff, increasing visibility and merging time**

Major works are now underway on fixing a dangerous stretch of road incorporating the Carnarvon Highway and Roma-Taroom Road intersection.

Federal Minister for Infrastructure and Transport Darren Chester said almost \$2 million would be invested in building a safer intersection for the increasing number of vehicles turning off the highway onto Roma-Taroom Road.

“This upgrade is happening about 17 kilometres north of Roma and will extend and widen a narrow auxiliary lane to the right-turn lane off the Carnarvon Highway northbound, giving all drivers better visibility and merging time,” Mr Chester said.

“Every dollar we invest in safer roads helps to change lives and save lives, and the Black Spot Programme is a crucial part of the Coalition Government’s to improve the safety and efficiency of roads right around the country.”

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said the works would be welcomed by the community, with better roads throughout the region being one of his top priorities.

“Making sure our local roads are up to scratch is an important part of keeping local drivers safe, and local businesses operating,” Mr Littleproud said.

“Fixing dangerous spots is also critical in making sure our booming trade and agricultural industries remain at the top of their game.

“The beauty of the Black Spot Programme is that communities can nominate dangerous sections of roads to be fixed. It’s one of the best ways for local people to have direct input into making their local roads safer for everyone.

“This particular site is one that needs action, and I’m very pleased to see the ‘shovel hit the soil’ on making it safer.”

Works on the \$1.989 million project are expected to be completed, weather permitting, by end of April 2017.

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