



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

**Media Release
7 February 2008**

\$750,000 FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO CROUDACE STREET AT LAMBTON

Safety improvements are set to start soon along Croudace Street, at its intersections with Mitchell Avenue, Pride Avenue and Chilcott Street in Lambton.

The Commonwealth Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, Anthony Albanese, announced today \$750,000 funding under the AusLink Black Spot Program for a range of measures to benefit motorists and pedestrians in the local area.

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson, said the funding showed the Rudd Government's commitment to road safety in our local communities.

"Significantly, these works will improve road safety on the approaches to nearby Lambton Primary School and John Hunter Hospital," Ms Grierson said.

"Improvements at the intersections of Croudace Street and Mitchell and Pride Avenues will include traffic signals, a key step toward making that intersection safer. The new signals will provide both intersections with signal-controlled pedestrian crossings and also right-turn bays with signal control for the right turns into Mitchell and Pride Avenues."

"All existing movements at the intersections will be retained, and the previously banned right turn into Pride Avenue will be opened to traffic."

"The safety improvements at the Croudace Street and Chilcott Street intersection include restricting the right-turn into Chilcott Street from Croudace Street in both directions, and restricting traffic movements across Croudace Street at Chilcott Street in both directions. Also, pedestrians will find it easier to cross these intersections."

"Safer right turn access into and out of residential areas will be available at nearby intersections at Howe Street, and Mitchell and Pride Avenues."

"The turning restrictions at Chilcott Street will also allow for lengthening of the right-turn storage lane for traffic turning right into Howe Street."

"Work on the upgrade is expected to begin within the next few weeks and will be completed mid-2008."

A community update explaining the features of the proposal will be distributed to residents. For further information on the project or to provide comment on the proposal, please contact the RTA.

Canberra
House of Representatives
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600
Ph: 02 6277 4221
Fax: 02 6277 8461



Newcastle
427 Hunter Street
NEWCASTLE NSW 2300
Ph: 02 4926 1555
Fax: 02 4926 1895
www.sharongrierson.com