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Purlewaugh Road Widening Project – Tender Awarded

The widening of Purlewaugh Road is in full swing with the tender being awarded for phase two of the project.

“The widening of Purlewaugh Road is set to improve road safety, reliability and improve accessibility for communities,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “Works on the first two curves that are set to be widened started in late October 2021 by Council however, the next phase of the works will be undertaken by Contractors.”

“The next stage of works will take place between 8km to 24km east from Coonabarabran, with the Contractors Aitken Civil Engineering Pty Ltd now coming on board,” said Cr Doolan.

“Once completed, this project will see the upgrade and widening of a 10km section of Purlewaugh Road and will increase the width of road pavement by around 25% which will improve road safety for all users, increase reliability of the road and improve accessibility for trucks,” Cr Doolan explained.

“Purlewaugh Road is an important east west freight route, connecting the Newell Highway to the Hunter Valley. The road is accessible by B Double Trucks, however higher productivity vehicles such as Road Trains and AB Triples can access the road under permit conditions.”

The Australian Government, through the Roads of Strategic Importance (ROSI) Program, is contributing \$2.4m towards the project and the NSW Government is contributing \$0.8m under the Regional Roads Repair and Improvement Program. The ROSI Program is all about freight routes and ensuring they provide efficient connection to ports, airports and important transport hubs.

‘The Purlewaugh Road widening project is expected to be completed by July 2022’, Cr Doolan concluded.

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