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## FUNDING ANNOUNCED FOR KAMARAH ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

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Narrandera Shire Council welcomes the announcement of \$217,000 of funding through round six of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program, an Australian Government initiative to fund infrastructure projects that improve productivity and safety outcomes of heavy vehicle operations across Australia.

The \$434,000 project, which Council is contributing \$217,000 towards, will realign and widen Kamarah Road, increasing sight distance up to 250 meters and improving access for B-double road trains.

One of the serious deficiencies along Kamarah Road is a sharp bend south of Mejum Road. The current sight distance on the hill is within 40-50 meters, resulting in significant safety risk to commuters and heavy vehicles.

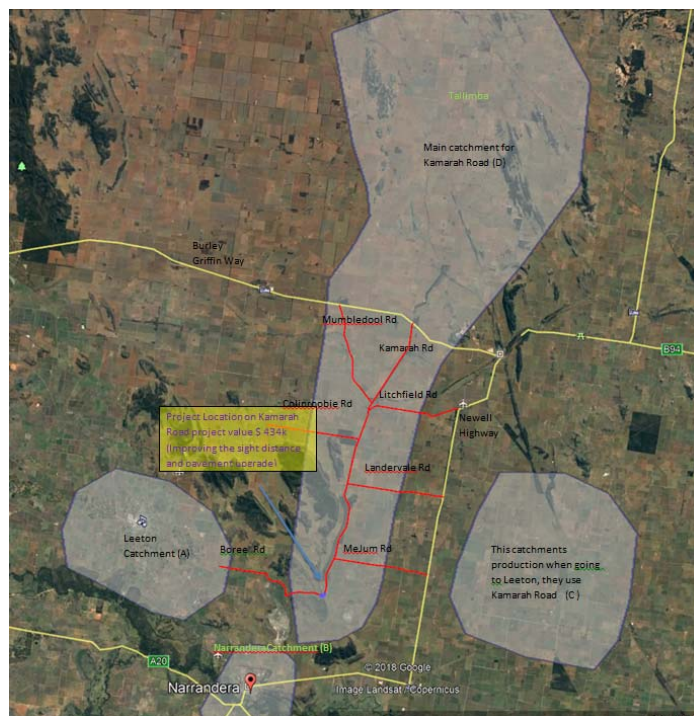
To improve safety a 40 meter wide by 10 meter deep rock cutting is required resulting in the removal of approximately 50,000m<sup>3</sup> of rock. On both sides of the hill, Kamarah Road will be rehabilitated and widened for a total length of 1km, with provision for guard rails on North Eastern and South Western side of the crest.

Mayor Neville Kschenka said of the project, "The safety of our community, industries and travellers is of the utmost importance."

"The frequently travelled Kamarah Road will be a safer trip as a result of this project." Mayor Kschenka continued.

Kamarah road is currently gazetted as a Road Train route despite several geometric deficiencies due to need for local economy. It serves as an important road for producers in the catchment area.

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*Catchment supported by Kamarah Road*



*Serious sight distance issue on sharp bend at crest*

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