Roadside hazards on the Kings Highway near Braidwood

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) invites you to participate in an online discussion and a community workshop seeking feedback about road safety on the Kings Highway near Braidwood.

The Kings Highway connects the Princes Highway at Batemans Bay, through the township of Braidwood, to Queanbeyan in the west. The RTA is currently reviewing two sections of the highway on either side of Braidwood.

- 3.8kms of road east of Monkittee Street, east of Braidwood.
- 1.8kms of road between Nerriga Road and Deloraine Lane, north of Braidwood.

A range of road safety hazards have been identified on these lengths of road. Roadside hazards in these areas include trees, culverts (drains) and Mona Creek, where it gets close to the route.

The problem

There have been 171 crashes, including five crashes in which someone has died on the Kings Highway near Braidwood between 1 June 2004 and 31 May 2011. More than half of these crashes involved a collision into roadside objects. In all fatal crashes a vehicle collided with a tree.

While the number of crashes is not considered to be high, the severity of crashes is considered to be extreme compared to other crashes – people have been hurt and died.

Working with the community

We understand that this is an important and beautiful landscape.

The RTA is seeking your input to help address the issue of crashes into roadside hazards on the Kings Highway, on both sides of Braidwood.

The RTA has set up an online forum where people can discuss:

- The road safety problem.
- History of the tree planting.
- Organisations or community groups that should be involved in the project.

The online forum runs from 19 September to 31 October. We welcome your comments.

The RTA will run a community workshop at 6.30pm on Thursday 13 October 2011 to discuss the safety problems.

For more information and access to the Braidwood Hazards discussion forum please visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

To pre-register for the workshop contact Candice Camacho on (02) 4221 2417 or by email: braidwood_hazards@rta.nsw.gov.au

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1 This number of crashes includes those recorded in the RTA database as at 9 August 2011. Data for the period from 1/1/2011 may be incomplete and is subject to change.