SAFETY FIRST AS CROSSING INSTALLED IN PALMERSTON

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The Giles Government is helping to make Palmerston a safer place by responding to community concerns and installing a signalised pedestrian crossing in the City’s CBD.

Transport Minister Peter Styles said the community had rallied hard for this crossing to be installed to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

“The Member for Drysdale, Lia Finocchiaro, has been lobbied by locals concerned about the lack of a signalised pedestrian crossing on this section of road and through her hard work we have been able to fix this,” Mr Styles said.

“Many Palmerton residents have raised concerns about the dangers that are being encountered daily and I’m pleased work has begun.”

Ms Finocchiaro said Temple Terrace carried hundreds of vehicles each day and provided a vital link to local businesses, so the installation of this crossing would bring relief and peace of mind.

“The Country Liberals Government is listening to the community and through some good old fashioned lobbying, I am thrilled a safe crossing point is being constructed,” Ms Finocchiaro said.

“Our government is committed to the people of Palmerston and we will continue to do what we can to improve safety for the community.”

Work will take about eight weeks to complete (weather permitting), with pedestrians to be detoured to an alternative crossing point during work.

The works will involve:

- Reconstructing ramps to provide improved access to the crossing and to meet Australian Standards
- Re-aligning the crossing to create a pedestrian refuge in the median (so that pedestrians stop halfway across and wait for the next green signal to proceed)
- Relocation of existing floodlights to suit the new intersection

“The Country Liberals are delivering for Palmerston with safer roads, with $90 million towards the Tiger Brennan Drive duplication and work on the $150 million regional hospital due to start later this year,” Mr Styles said.

“The Country Liberals are also making Palmerston a safer place by driving down crime -house break-ins have plunged 44% and commercial break-ins are down by 36%.”

The $250,000 project is part of the Northern Territory Government’s Minor New Works Program.

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