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ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE KINGS HIGHWAY

The Stanhope Government will provide \$100,000 in funding for forward design improvements to the ACT section of the Kings Highway.

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services John Hargreaves said that the Kings Highway was a busy arterial road which linked the ACT with the wider NSW region and improvements were warranted.

“The forward design project will look at how we can improve the road to increase safety for the travelling public,” he said.

“It has a poor safety history and a traffic volume that warrants improvements.

“The traffic volumes have steadily increased over recent years with peaks during the holiday periods.

“The development of the Joint Defence Headquarters near Bungendore, with access off the Kings Highway, will place increased traffic pressure on the road.

“The ACT Government is committed to improving the safety of this road, which has never attracted Federal Government funding.

“These plans will allow us to develop strategies to ensure this road’s safety standards are lifted,” said Mr Hargreaves.

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