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DRIVER REVIVER AND SAFETY BOOST FOR PATERSON

Roadside rest areas in **Medowie** will be upgraded to help combat driver fatigue and make local roads safer, thanks to funding under the Liberal and Nationals Government's Driver Reviver Site Upgrade Program.

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region, Hollie Hughes said there are few things more important than saving lives, which is what this funding is targeted towards.

"I am pleased to announce a total of **\$118,000** in Federal funding will upgrade the Medowie Road Driver Reviver site in Paterson delivering Driver Reviver mass action sign upgrades.

Anyone who has had a break at a Driver Reviver site here in the Hunter Region knows how vital they are for drivers, and we want to ensure they continue to be that reliable break spot for locals and tourists well into the future.

Keeping people safe on our roads is why our Government is investing in these vital Driver Reviver upgrades, including the \$3 billion Road Safety Program, \$500 million Targeted Road Safety Works initiative, and further funding for innovative road safety technologies and education campaigns.

This funding will also support Paterson's hard-working local volunteers who put in their time and effort to operate our Driver Reviver sites, offering motorists a cuppa, friendly conversations, and a nice spot to take a break to manage fatigue and reduce the risk of crashes."

In total, the Government is providing \$7.2 million to upgrade 71 sites across the country.

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Barnaby Joyce said the upgrades will help ensure motorists and their passengers can relax and revive in comfort.

"One accident, one injury, one death is one too many and no family should have to endure the loss of a loved one on our roads," the Deputy Prime Minister said. "The upgrades we are funding are aimed at making rest sites more welcoming and comfortable for drivers, to help them overcome driver fatigue and ensure they reach their destination safely."

Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport Scott Buchholz said initiatives such as the Driver Reviver program showcase what governments and communities can achieve when working together."

The Australian Government is working closely with states, territories and local governments to develop the National Road Safety Strategy 2021–30 to move towards zero fatalities and serious injuries on our roads.

More information on the Australian Government's road safety initiatives is available at www.officeofroadsafety.gov.au

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