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SAFETY UPGRADE COMPLETED ALONG POPULAR TOURIST ROUTE

The Andrews Labor Government has completed road infrastructure upgrades along a popular scenic route in Melbourne's northeast, providing safer journeys for motorcyclists, cyclists and other road users.

Crews installed guard rails and resurfaced and sealed gravel sections to reduce the risk and severity of crashes along a nine-kilometre stretch of Heidelberg-Kinglake Road between St Andrews and Kinglake.

The safety barriers have been fitted with an additional steel beam, known as a rub rail, to improve safety for motorcyclists.

As part of the project, sections between Buttermans Track and Mt Jerusalem Track were resurfaced, while crews also sealed road shoulders and some driveway surfaces to reduce gravel debris on the road to improve safety for motorcyclists and cyclists.

Other works included improving drainage and line markings, as well as removing potential hazards from the roadside, including a disused bus stop and old telecommunication poles.

The works were delivered through the Motorcycle Safety Levy program. Since its introduction, the Motorcycle Safety Levy has funded almost \$93 million in a range of targeted safety initiatives across motorcycle policy and law, education and research and road safety infrastructure improvements for motorcyclists.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Motorcyclists are some of our most vulnerable road users and these upgrades are specifically designed to improve safety for motorcyclists as well as other road users."

"We are investing in important road safety improvements across the state but we can all make a difference, whether we're on two wheels or four. I urge all Victorians to drive and ride safety so we can all get home safely at the end of the day."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Region Jaclyn Symes

"Heidelberg-Kinglake Road is a popular route for visitors to St Andrews, Kinglake and beyond, it's fantastic to see these important works to improve safety for everyone using the road."