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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### ***DRAPER WELCOMES HILLVUE SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR***

Pedestrian safety will be improved for school students returning to Hillvue Primary School in Tamworth with the appointment of a school crossing supervisor at the existing pedestrian crossing on Werris Creek Road.

State Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper MP today welcomed the announcement and said the new position would improve road safety for children travelling to and from the school.

“The critical issue of child safety on the Werris Creek Road zebra crossing was highlighted last year when a pedestrian was hit by a passing motorist,” Mr Draper said.

“To ensure pedestrians can cross the road safely, the State Government will provide \$5,000 to upgrade the crossing and pay for the supervisor’s position.

“I have no doubt the presence of a school crossing supervisor will be welcomed by the school and local community.

“The school crossing supervisor will begin helping children cross the road from the first day school goes back next week.

Recent traffic volume data revealed that up to 700 vehicles per hour during peak school times used this route, including many heavy vehicles.

“Other safety measures planned at the site will include converting the zebra crossing into a combined Zebra/Children’s school crossing with signs and markings upgraded and an additional 40km/h School Zone will be installed” concluded Mr Draper.

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