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INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR TAMWORTH

MEDIA RELEASE

Support Local Business

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Independent Member for Tamworth Peter Draper has urged the community to support the Nemingha Corner Store and Post Office as roadworks are carried out on the New England Highway.

Roadworks at the intersection of the New England Highway and Nundle Road have had a considerable impact on the business.

Owners Michelle and Paul Meredith said, "We don't blame the RTA because we understand the roadworks need to take place but we were surprised at how big an impact they have had."

Mr Draper is encouraging regular customers to continue using the store.

"I have been approached by a number of concerned residents who fear the business could close as a result of these roadworks. We must support the store to ensure that doesn't happen," Mr Draper said.

"The owners of the store have worked hard to make it a successful business and we must support it through these roadworks. It would be a tragedy to see them lose out because of short-term construction works."

"The roadworks must take place but I ask that the community continue to support this store and its staff. We can all put up with short-term roadworks to ensure the future of a local business."

The roadworks started in late May.

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