Improved safety measures in place over the Christmas period at the northern intersection between the Pacific Highway and Centenary Drive, Clarenza.

In response to community concerns about safety at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Centenary Drive at Clarenza during peak traffic periods, Transport for NSW will be implementing traffic changes during the upcoming Christmas holidays.

What is changing?

From Saturday 21 December to Saturday 4 January, the northern intersection of Centenary Drive and the Pacific Highway will be closed to the following movements:

- No left turn from Centenary Drive onto the Pacific Highway for travel south towards Grafton
- No right turn from Centenary Drive onto the Pacific Highway for travel north towards Ulmarra
- Detour arrangements will apply on Centenary Drive. A detour will be in place at the intersection of Centenary Drive and Duncans Lane to redirect northbound motorists to the Pacific Highway. All motorists are advised to ignore GPS instructions and remain on the Pacific Highway rather than using Centenary Drive to travel north.

The map provided overleaf shows the restricted turning movements.

Motorists traveling southbound on the Pacific Highway

The intersection will remain open at Clarenza for left turn movements into Centenary Drive.

At the southern end of Centenary Drive at South Grafton, access to and from the Pacific Highway will remain unchanged.

Motorists traveling northbound on the Pacific Highway

At South Grafton, northbound motorists will be advised to remain on the Pacific Highway instead of using Centenary Drive. Motorists will not be able to turn right towards Ulmarra from Centenary Drive at Clarenza.

A detour will be in place at the intersection of Centenary Drive and Duncans Lane to redirect northbound motorists to the Pacific Highway via Duncans Lane and the intersection at Hennessy Drive. This intersection (near the BP service station) is situated in a slower speed environment and has acceleration lanes in both directions to enable safer access onto the Pacific Highway.

Access to Centenary Drive for local traffic

Residents will be able to access properties at the northern end of Centenary Drive between Duncans Lane and the Pacific Highway from the Duncans Lane intersection.
Access to the Pacific Highway will be via Duncans Lane and Hennessy Drive

Northbound motorists will not have access to the Pacific Highway from Centenary Drive. At Duncans Lane, the northbound lane of Centenary Drive will be closed. The southbound lane will remain open for through traffic.

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Electronic message signs and detour signage will advise motorists of these changes and for the safety of all road users, speed limits on Centenary Drive and Duncans Lane will be reduced while these changes are in place.

Extra signage will be in place

Signs will advise motorists to remain on the Pacific Highway rather than using Centenary Drive to bypass South Grafton.

However, motorists heading north, following in-car navigation or GPS systems, may ignore these signs and still turn on to Centenary Drive at South Grafton. At the Duncans Lane intersection, the detour will redirect these motorists to the Pacific Highway via Duncans Lane and Hennessy Drive.

Visitors to the region during the holiday period may not be familiar with the area, so please take extra care and consider additional travel time for your journeys to allow for more vehicles than usual on the roads.
Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the Grafton Regional Office on 02 6640 1300, Live Traffic on 132 701 or email grafton.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au.

We thank motorists for their patience during this time.

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