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### **Devil's Pinch on New England Highway making great progress**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor visited the work site at the Devil's Pinch on the New England Highway on Friday with representatives of the Roads & Traffic Authority (RTA) and the contractors and is delighted with the progress being made on the \$25m project.

"The progress being made on Devil's Pinch is really well under way.

The contractors have been able to get a good run on with dry weather conditions up until last week being a great help to them in getting the earthmoving and compaction going ahead of schedule.

They have to move over 300,000 cubic metres of earth in their realignment of the 3km of the New England Highway cutting through some very hard country to do so," Mr Windsor said.

The realignment will dove-tail in with the well advanced work on the Duval Creek Bridge and associated straightening of the road on the approaches to the bridge worth another \$9m.

"The road between Armidale and Guyra will be a lot safer for users on completion of the Devil's Pinch and Duval Creek Bridge works particularly for heavy vehicle accidents.

There is still a need for upgrading the Puddledock Road intersection and Sunnyside realignment work (worth \$9m) to really reduce the danger of this stretch of road.

The next major project on the New England Highway is Bolivia Hill south of Tenterfield and the Bald Nob Road intersection at Dundee that is in need of a passing lane.

Planning is under way for the Bolivia Hill job and I will be making representations to the RTA and the Minister to have this section of the New England Highway and the Bald Nob Road intersection highly prioritised for works," Mr Windsor said.