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New England Highway safer with opening of Duval Creek Bridge

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the official opening of the new Duval Creek Bridge and associated works on the New England Highway saying that the Highway will be safer as a result.

“The new Duval Creek Bridge and the associated realignment of the New England Highway has made travelling this part of the New England Highway a much safer experience.

Previous tight bends have been straightened out and a wider bridge over the Duval Creek will help to reduce the risks of driving along this section of the road,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor thanked both the Federal and State Governments for their involvement with the project.

“I thank the Federal and State Governments for recognising this section of the road as a priority to fix and allocating the necessary funds under the National Highway Program.

The process of working through the established works priorities is slowly but surely happening and it is important for local people to support groups like the NRMA and Local Councils in maintaining pressure on Governments to ensure needs are met.

The next priority that needs urgent attention is the Bolivia Hill realignment between Tenterfield and Deepwater.

The contract for works at the Four Mile Creek at the bottom of the Bolivia Hill has recently been let so it is now opportune to seek a firm commitment on the bigger job of making the run up the Bolivia Hill safer,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor says that the improvements being made to the New England Highway also have a spin off effect in making the route more attractive to tourists.

“When combined with the continuing realignment work just further north of Duval Creek at the notorious Devil’s Pinch, this section of the New England Highway will be greatly improved not only for truck drivers and local motorists, but it will help to attract tourists to the New England Highway as part of their travelling plans.

A safer Highway will certainly assist business in the region by bringing the tourist dollar into the area,” Mr Windsor said.

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