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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Nundle Bridge would be replaced under Auslink funding proposal for Nundle-Quirindi road**

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor says that the Nundle Bridge would be upgraded as part of proposed major works to the road between the Nundle State Forest and Quirindi that is currently before the Federal Minister for Roads, Jim Lloyd for funding through the Auslink Strategic Regional Programme.

The road is the link between the NSW State Forest and the new McVicar Timber Mill in Quirindi.

Mr Windsor believes that the Auslink funding would bring major industry and community benefits to the region.

“The funding application for just over \$4m made to the Auslink Strategic Regional Programme is currently before the Federal Minister for Roads, Jim Lloyd.

This major upgrade of the Nundle – Quirindi Road, including the replacement of the Nundle bridge, is critical to the economic growth of the area and is a key piece of infrastructure required for the development of the McVicar Sawmill in Quirindi with the sawlogs being transported from the Nundle Pine Plantation operated by the NSW State Forests.

The application for funding includes major contributions from the Tamworth Regional Council, Liverpool Plains Council, the NSW Government through the NSW RTA and NSW State Forests and builds on a Traffic Impact Study carried out by the RTA on the impact of log haulage between Nundle and Quirindi,” Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said that a united approach was needed to bring the project to fruition.

“The route crosses two local government areas, two NSW State electorates and two Federal electorates.

Independent State Member for Tamworth, Peter Draper is supportive of the application whilst also working on direct State Government funding avenues. Member for Upper Hunter, George Souris and Federal Member for Gwydir John Anderson who represent the Quirindi area are also supporting the upgrade application.

The application puts an excellent case for the project and requires the united support of all involved to ensure its success.

The proposal fits the Auslink Strategic Regional Programme criteria like a glove and I’m very confident of it getting the nod soon.

This is a good example of Local, State and Federal representatives working together for a positive outcome for their communities,” Mr Windsor said.

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