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Windsor asks AusLink to provide funds for Tenterfield roads.

Road safety upgrades for the New England Highway in Tenterfield and the road between the towns of Legume and Woodenbong have again been raised by the Independent Federal Member for New England, Tony Windsor.

Mr Windsor said that both the Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass and the Bolivia Hill section of the New England Highway are in need of urgent safety upgrades.

He told the Parliament, "I would not be doing my duty to Parliament and New England if I didn't raise both roads on the New England Highway as infrastructure in dire need of federal funds to undertake an urgent upgrade.

"I believe Tenterfield's main street and Bolivia Hill are death traps waiting to happen, as there have already been victims and there is likely to be again if the government doesn't look at the issue." Mr Windsor said.

Mr Windsor said the Legume to Woodenbong Road was not just an issue for the New England Electorate alone but also for nearby electorates that the road connects with.

"I ask the Government to consider the transport issues facing not only New England but the adjoining electorate of Page and the electorates of South – East Queensland where the road between the townships of Legume and Woodenbong is of public concern.

"The Legume to Woodenbong road for instance is currently considered a local road. It is obviously in need of major repair, but it is completely unaffordable for the local council, Tenterfield Shire Council on its own.

"The road however does have great significance and economic benefit for its neighbouring areas and therefore should be upgraded with Federal Government support through the AusLink Program." Mr Windsor said.

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