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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### TRAFFIC DIVERSION ON NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY AT SUNNYSIDE

Traffic has been diverted onto a new road on the New England Highway, near Sunnyside.

The upgrade of a two kilometre stretch of the highway, 17km north of Armidale, is almost complete and will boost road safety. A ceremony will take place on site at **11.30am on Friday 29 January** to officially open the realignment and also to thank the local Aboriginal stakeholders for their assistance in monitoring the site during early stages of construction to ensure the cultural and archaeological sites were maintained.

Mr Windsor said the work has involved straightening the road and removing a number of sharp bends.

“The necessary work has been done to improve road safety. This section of the New England Highway has had a high crash history in the past 10 years.

“The new road has removed a number of substandard curves and improved the intersection with Sunnyside Road.

“Also, the RTA has protected a number of Aboriginal archaeological sites and a cultural site as part of the project work,” Mr Windsor said.

The project started in March 2009 and the work was carried out by Daracon Australia Pty Ltd on behalf of the RTA.

The \$13.5 million project is expected to finish in February 2010 and is funded by the Federal Government.

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