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WORK STARTS ON $21 MILLION UPGRADE OF PRINCES HIGHWAY AT TERMEIL CREEK

Road users are soon to benefit from a $21 million upgrade of the Princes Highway at Termeil Creek which will include realigning more than one kilometre of the highway north of Termeil Creek bridge.

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock today turned the first sod on the $21 million NSW Government project.

Mrs Hancock said Civil Mining and Construction has been awarded the contract for the work which will take about 18 months to complete and is expected to improve safety for all road users.

“Today’s commencement of the Termeil Creek project is fantastic for the southern Shoalhaven and comes on top of the Baird Government’s recent $50 million commitment to construct a new bridge over Burrill Lake,” Mrs Hancock said.

Work will start in this month to establish the site compound before building work starts in March to upgrade the highway.

“In addition to realigning around one kilometre of the highway at the bends north of the existing bridge, the highway will be widened for a further 600 metres,” Mrs Hancock said.

“A new wider and longer bridge designed to achieve a one in 100 year flood level will also be built to improve conditions for motorists.

“The upgrade will also improve travel time for motorists as the road will be built to a 100km/h standard.”

Mrs Hancock said in the five years to December 2013, there were 11 crashes on this section of road resulting in one fatality and five injuries.

“The work to be carried out will also provide safer access for residents in nearby properties and also improve safety for native animals,” Mrs Hancock said.

“Crossings for native animals will be provided above and below the upgraded highway using a rope bridge and an underpass.”

Mrs Hancock said the safety upgrade comes in addition to more than $1.1 million in safety work completed last year on nearby sections of the Princes Highway.

“Safety work completed last year included the removal of road side hazards and installation of a guardrail and widening road shoulders near Monkey Mountain Road in December and surface improvements in June near Meroo Lake Road,” she said.

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