Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward has today announced that work on the Foxground and Berry bypass will take another step forward tomorrow Tuesday 26th May with the start of delivery of more than 100 concrete bridge girders to support bridge decks for the project.

Mr Ward said that more than 390 beams will be used on the $580 million project.

“The 11.6 kilometre upgrade of the Princes Highway between Toolijooa Road and Schofields Lane involves building 10 new bridges,” he said.

“The first stage in building the project’s bridges is piling work. This work includes drilling through the soil into the underlying rock to form a strong foundation and solid support for the bridges.

“Piling work started in April at Tindalls Lane and has since moved to the three Broughton Creek bridge sites. Work on the remaining bridges will continue until later this year.

“Motorists will notice the bridge beams being delivered during the next 12 months.

“More than 80 beams will be stored onsite near Broughton Creek and another 20 will be stored near Austral Park Road before being moved into position later this year,” Mr Ward said.

“An access road has been built to connect the Princes Highway to Willow Springs Road allowing heavy vehicles to transport the beams to the storage site.

“To minimise the impact on motorists, deliveries are planned to take place between 5am and 7am on weekdays, with four deliveries each day until late July.

“Traffic control and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place on the Princes Highway near Willow Springs Road during delivery times to ensure motorists’
safety. Motorists should expect delays of up to ten minutes and allow additional travel time.

“Local motorists are also advised a third speed camera will be removed on the Princes Highway between Kangaroo Valley Road and Victoria Street at Berry from the end of this week.

“This is the final camera to be removed after two speed cameras were removed in February to progress major building work on the project,” Mr Ward said.

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