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SPEED LIMIT AT SCHOFIELDS LANE REDUCED AS WORK CONTINUES ON FOXGROUND AND BERRY BYPASS

Parliamentary Secretary for the Illawarra and South Coast Gareth Ward has advised motorists to slow down along a short section of the Princes Highway near Schofields Lane as work progresses on the $580 million Foxground and Berry bypass project.

Mr Ward said a temporary road has been built next to the Princes Highway to allow work to continue on the Schofields Lane underpass.

“Traffic was diverted onto the temporary road last month and the speed limit outside of work hours returned to 80 km/h. A review of the speed zone has determined the speed limit be reduced to 60 km/h to improve safety for workers and motorists,” Mr Ward said.

“The revised speed zone is now in place and will remain until traffic is diverted to the new northbound lanes, which is expected in late 2016.”

Mr Ward advised that reduced speed limits will remain in place during work hours.

“Girders are continuing to be delivered on site, with more than 400 girders used to support the bridge decks for the 10 new bridges being built as part of the bypass project,” Mr Ward said.

To minimise the impact on motorists, the 33 metre long concrete girders are being delivered to the Woodhill Mountain Road site compound between 4am and 6am from Mondays to Saturdays, weather permitting.

Up to four deliveries may take place each morning until late March next year.

Work started on the bypass in January this year and is expected to be completed by mid-2018.

The NSW Government is funding the 12.5 kilometre upgrade of the Princes Highway between Toolijooa Road and Andersons Lane.

Mr Ward thanked motorists for their patience while work is carried out.

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