STEEL GIRDERS TO STRENGTHEN THE TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE UPGRADE

The first steel bridge support beams have started arriving at the 17 kilometre Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade site.

The bridge girders, each between 31 and 42 metres in length and weighing up to 70 tonnes form a crucial component of the upgrade which aims to improve road safety and reduce travel times.

“Locals may have noticed some of the large steel girders being delivered over the last couple of weeks near the Ross Lane interchange,” Member for Ballina, Don Page said.

“Forty-two steel girders will be delivered by the end of the year for the bridges over Minor, Emigrant and Byron creeks.

“Each arrival allows work to progress on the next key crossing.

“Safety escort vehicles are travelling with the oversize trucks from Rooty Hill in Sydney to the north coast ensuring the safety of other road users,” Mr Page said.

The remaining bridges on the project will use concrete girders, also to be delivered later this year.

The $862 million Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Pacific Highway upgrade will provide a four-lane divided road starting at the northern end of the Ballina bypass at Ross Lane and extending to the Ewingsdale interchange.

The upgrade is funded by the Australian and NSW governments.