FOXGROUND AND BERRY BYPASS PROJECT
BLASTING AHEAD

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward has today inspected work on the $580 million Foxground and Berry bypass Princes Highway upgrade, after traffic was diverted earlier this week onto the newly built and realigned Toolijooa Road.

Mr Ward said that the New South Wales Liberal & Nationals Government has allocated $580 million to upgrade a 12.5 kilometre section of the Princes Highway between Toolijooa Road and Andersons Lane.

“Today, I was very pleased to inspect the recent work on Toolijooa Road and the cutting at Toolijooa ridge,” he said.

“Night work took place earlier this week to prepare for the change and traffic has now been diverted onto the newly realigned Toolijooa Road so work can continue on the approaches to the new Toolijooa Road bridge.

“It is great to see motorists using this new section of road and to have the opportunity to inspect progress at the Toolijooa ridge cutting.

“Blasting work started in June last year and will continue until later this year, weather permitting.

“The cutting is 25 metres deep with around 130,000 cubic metres of rock removed so far by controlled blasting,” Mr Ward said.

“Controlled blasting will also continue near Austral Park Road with seven blasts completed so far and blasting expected to be finished later this year, weather permitting.

“Controlled blasting was completed last December near Tindalls Lane, with a total of seven blasts and 38,000 cubic metres of rock removed.

“All up, more than 710,000 cubic metres of material has been removed across the project and more than 340,000 cubic metres of rock has been removed and processed for reuse on site,” Mr Ward concluded.

The Foxground and Berry bypass is expected to be completed by mid-2018.

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