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DETAILED DESIGN FINALISED FOR DIGNAMS CREEK PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight Duncan Gay and Member for Bega Andrew Constance have announced the detailed design for the Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek has been finalised, with a contract to carry out the work expected to be awarded later this year.

Mr Constance said the NSW Government allocated $15 million in 2016/17 to start work on the Dignams Creek upgrade.

“The Princes Highway upgrade at Dignams Creek includes realigning around three kilometres of the highway to improve safety and travel times for motorists by removing a number of tight bends and by flattening out steep sections of the road,” Mr Constance said.

“I am pleased that Minister Gay was able to be here this week to see firsthand this tragic section of road and how the improvements will further add to the ongoing works along the Princes Highway.

“This project is now forging ahead, it’s another piece of the Princes Highway that we committed to fixing and now it’s about to start.

“Some changes to the design have been made since the Review of Environmental Factors was displayed in 2014 to achieve better environmental and safety outcomes.

“The key features of the upgrade include building about two kilometres of new highway and a new 91 metre long bridge across Dignams Creek to replace the existing bridge.

“An 18 metre long bridge on the new highway will also be built across Dignams Creek Road as part of an upgrade and relocation of the Dignams Creek Road intersection.

“Part of the existing highway will also be widened for around 700 metres.”

Mr Constance said tenders to carry out the work closed earlier this month.

“Roads and Maritime Services is now assessing a number of tenders and further details including timing and impact to motorists while work is carried out will be provided to the community once a contractor has been appointed,” Mr Constance said.

“Work is expected to start early next year and take around two years to complete.”