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CONTRACT AWARDED FOR PRINCES HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT VICTORIA CREEK

Andrew Constance the Member for Bega today announced a contract has been awarded for the $45 million Princes Highway upgrade at Victoria Creek.

"Seymour Whyte Constructions Pty Ltd has been awarded the contract to carry out the upgrade between Narooma Road and Corkhill Drive at Central Tilba, 13 kilometres south of Narooma," Mr Constance said.

"Major work will start work in mid 2011 and is expected to be completed in 2013, weather permitting.

"The 3.2 kilometre Princes Highway upgrade at Victoria Creek will significantly improve road safety by removing a number of tight bends and providing an overtaking lane in both directions on this section of the Princes Highway.

"A new bridge will also be built over Victoria Creek to replace an existing narrow bridge which will be removed.

"Work to move utilities such as telecommunications and electricity has already started.

"There have been two fatal crashes on this section of the Princes Highway in the past eight years so its great news this project is moving ahead," Mr Constance said.

This project supports about 260 jobs for the south coast region.

This important local project is funded by the NSW Government.