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SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON BRIDGE OVER CLYDE RIVER, BATEMANS BAY

Andrew Constance the Member for Bega today announced work on the bridge over the Clyde River at Batemans Bay has finished.

"The $700,000 upgrade to improve safety for bridge maintenance staff involved installing two new catwalks which wrap around each counterweight tower, about 20 metres above the road," Mr Constance said.

"The catwalks provide safe access for staff who regularly maintain the counterweight control mechanisms on the bridge."

Mr Constance said staff greased the 20 bridge cables three times a year to maintain the bridge’s ability to open for vessels.

"The new catwalks, which include safety handrails, provide a platform for maintenance staff to work from, including when they are greasing the bridge cables."

Andrew Constance thanked motorists and vessel operators for their cooperation and patience while the work was carried out.

"Further work to upgrade the ladder access used by the operator of the lift span is planned for next year," he said.