REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE ON CLARENCE TOWN ROAD

George Souris, MP Member for Upper Hunter said that work to replace the bridge over Wallaroo Creek on Clarence Town Road at Clarence Town will start this week, weather permitting.

Mr. Souris said NSW Government is providing a further $357,000 from the Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund in addition to $163,000 previously provided under the Regional Road Timber Bridge Partnership.

“This long awaited project has been delayed due to urgent maintenance needed after wet weather and flooding in the Dungog area during June 2011 and February 2012,” Mr. Souris said.

“The work is being carried out by Civilbuild on behalf of Dungog Shire Council and involves replacing the existing concrete and timber bridge with a new reinforced concrete bridge.

“The new bridge will be 29 metres long and eight metres wide and will be built on the same alignment.

“The bridge will be built one lane at a time to allow one lane of the existing bridge to remain open to traffic at all times.

“Work will be carried out Monday to Saturday between 7am and 5pm, weather permitting.

“This project will improve road safety for all motorists by providing a wider two lane bridge with improved approaches and will also result in reduced ongoing maintenance costs.

“The new bridge is expected to be completed by October, weather permitting,” Mr. Souris said.

“Traffic control will be in place and motorists may experience minor delays during this work.

Be roadwork aware, slow down and take care – roadwork speed limits are enforceable” Mr. Souris concluded.

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