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BASS HIGHWAY: SISTERS HILLS UPGRADE COMPLETE

A special celebration was held today to mark the completion of the \$30 million upgrade of the Bass Highway, through Sisters Hills.

The upgrade – jointly funded by the Australian and Tasmanian Governments – comprised six initial projects. Cost savings on the initial package of works allowed the delivery of two complementary projects, making a total package of eight projects. Construction commenced in 2006.

Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom, and the Secretary of the Tasmanian Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, Mr Norm McIlfrick, who represented the Tasmanian Minister for Infrastructure, Lara Giddings, were joined by local school students for the celebration.

Mr Sidebottom said the Sisters Hills upgrade has improved road alignment, widened the road significantly, provided overtaking lanes and improved a number of key road junctions.

“The upgrade had a strong safety focus and was aimed at making travel through the area safer for all road users, including the increasing number of visitors,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“As well as addressing safety issues, this upgrade will greatly assist the movement of freight into and out of Circular Head, by improving the capacity of the highway to cater for an increasing number of larger freight vehicles.

Ms Giddings praised the contribution from members of the Bass Highway Working Group, who identified specific locations along the highway for improvement.

“The group incorporated representatives from the Department of Infrastructure, Energy and Resources, local councils, the Cradle Coast Authority, the Royal Automobile Club Tasmania and the local community,” Ms Giddings said.

“I congratulate the contractors, Shaw Contracting and Hazell Bros Civil Contracting, on the successful completion of the project.

“This project is an excellent example of the community and economic benefits that flow when the Australian and Tasmanian governments work together,” Ms Giddings concluded.

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