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**Media Release****Kings Highway milestone achieved at Nelligen****Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023**

Motorists travelling on the Kings Highway at Nelligen are now enjoying safer, smoother journeys following the opening of the upgraded road alignment between Thule Road and Reid Street.

The Kings Highway and Wharf Street intersection has also been opened into its new arrangement.

The exciting milestones were reached as work on the NSW Government's transformative \$148 million Nelligen Bridge Replacement project continues.

Most remaining demolition work will be complete by the end of the year, while work on the Thule Road cul-de-sac and foreshore community spaces will be complete in 2024.

**Quotes attributable to Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Jenny Aitchison**

"The Nelligen Bridge Replacement project commenced in 2021, improving safety, reliability and travel times while providing great new community spaces for all to enjoy.

"The new alignment we announce today improves safety by providing an improved curve on the eastern side of the bridge, wider lanes and shoulders, and safety barriers between the road and footpath

"When the western foreshore community space is completed, residents and visitors will be able to take advantage of newly installed picnic shelters, tables, handrails and interpretative signage.

**Quotes attributable to Dr Michael Holland, Member for Bega and Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Regional Health**

"As the Nelligen Bridge project nears the final stages of completion the finer details of stitching it seamlessly into the Nelligen landscape have begun with the alignment of existing roads to the approach of the new bridge.

"Motorists and road users are asked to take care and adhere to road signs and speed limits.

"We thank everyone for their patience as this project is developed into a significant asset for the Kings Highway."