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ELECTORATE TO SHARE IN RECORD SPEND ON RURAL ROADS TO DRIVE DOWN ROAD TOLL

More than \$1.9m will be invested in the Albury electorate as part of the NSW Government's record \$70 million spend on 172 vital safety upgrades to the state's road network. These new funds are aimed at driving down the road toll.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced the record investment as part of the State Government's Safer Roads Program, to carry out vital road safety upgrades throughout the state.

"Last year 254 people lost their lives in country NSW. That's two-thirds of our total road toll for 2016, in one third of our population," Mr Aplin said.

"Most of these drivers were locals and many of them died close to home. There are also literally thousands of people being seriously injured on our roads each year."

Mr Aplin said that this funding would provide safety improvements to a number of roads in the electorate.

"This important road safety program is funded through the Community Road Safety fund where all speed camera revenue is sent," Mr Aplin said.

"This year's improvements to the road network are estimated to save the equivalent of 419 deaths and serious injuries over the life of the projects."

Projects include:

- Installation of wire rope barrier along the median for a 0.6km length of the Hume Highway, north of Mountain Creek Road, Mullengandra;
- Removal of hazards from the roadside, installation of run-off area and rumble strips on edge and centreline on the Olympic Highway south of Culcairn;
- Installation of guardrails along the roadside on Masons Hill Road west of Tumbarumba; and
- Installation of guardrails, raised reflective markers and street lighting at the intersection of Tumbarumba and Jingelic Road, Tumbarumba.

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