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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Improved freight movement for the Eastern Riverina region**

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, announced today that the Riverina Eastern Regional Organisation of Councils (REROC) has completed assessments of 26 bridges and culverts on eight regional roads, spanning five Local Government Areas.

Mr Aplin said the project's goal is to remove restrictions on regional roads and create economic benefits for local industry.

"By enabling faster and more efficient transport to move produce in and out of the area, this project will support the economic base of the region," Mr Aplin said.

"We are dedicated to boosting regional industries through targeted investments into key road and bridge upgrades."

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey, said the NSW Government is proud to support this project which will reduce constraints and improve freight and vehicle movements throughout the Eastern Riverina region.

"We are proud to have contributed \$208,175 towards the assessments through the Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads program," Mrs Pavey said.

"Freight is worth \$60 billion to the NSW economy so it is vital that our regional roads are able to support more efficient freight movements within our regional areas."

Bridges that have been found to be unsuitable to carry Heavy Mass Limit (HML) vehicles will be reported to the relevant council and improvements can be undertaken to bring them up to standard.

REROC Chairman, Cr Rick Firman OAM said, "the project is part of the delivery of REROC's Regional Freight Transport Plan. The Plan aims to ensure the REROC region provides the most effective and efficient heavy vehicle routes possible, which in turn support economic growth in our region."

"By ensuring the best route is available for HML vehicles, transport times and the distance travelled will be cut down, improving efficiencies for industry," Cr Firman said.

This project also received an additional \$15,400 in funding from REROC.

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