



**Greg Aplin MP**  
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### **RIVERINA HIGHWAY ON BUDGET AND EARLY**

The \$11 million upgrade of the Riverina Highway east of Albury has been completed seven months ahead of schedule and has been opened to traffic in time for the Christmas holiday period.

Premier Gladys Berejiklian, Minister for Roads Melinda Pavey and Member for Albury Greg Aplin officially opened stage two of the upgraded Highway, which will provide safer travelling conditions from Lake Hume Village to Bethanga Bridge.

“This important \$6.5 million stage of the project has been completed by the NSW Government well ahead of schedule,” Ms Berejiklian said.

“It was not due to open until June 2018, but cars are already using the improved highway and holidaymakers will be using it this summer.

“During construction this project employed 75 people, once again showing this Government’s commitment to rural and regional NSW.”

Minister for Roads Melinda Pavey said work on stage two of Riverina Highway upgrade started in late 2016.

“The latest improvements are in addition to the first stage of the upgrade between Sandy Creek and Lake Hume Village which was completed in March last year,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Tourist traffic in this area increases in the warmer months and these wider lanes and safety barriers will help those towing caravans and boats to Lake Hume.”

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said the Riverina Highway is a State road that connects Bethanga Bridge on the Victorian Border, near Lake Hume Village, and Deniliquin, via Albury.

“Local communities around Lake Hume Village and Albury rely on this part of the Riverina Highway as both a commuter road and essential element of the local economy and tourism,” Mr Aplin said.

“Weekends and holidays also see this section of the highway swell with local and visiting cyclists taking in the views.”

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