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\$1.64 MILLION FOR MURRUMBIDGEE'S McDONALD ROAD

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin announced today that the NSW Government would support Murrumbidgee Council with funding of \$1,642,015 towards the \$1.85 million cost of carrying out a much needed upgrade of McDonald Road, near Coleambally.

“This investment will significantly reduce costs to business and industry, while driving economic growth and improving safety along this important link road,” said Mr Aplin.

“Economic growth in rural areas relies on agricultural commodities, industrial products and natural resources being able to move to market efficiently.

“This project will see the road between Graham Road intersection and Morundah Road widened to 9m and sealed to a width of 7m, to match with existing sealed sections. The safety improvement is very welcome,” said Mr Aplin. Murrumbidgee Council is contributing \$212,000 towards the cost.

Sixty-seven projects across regional NSW have been approved for funding in the third round of the NSW Government’s **Fixing Country Roads** program. The successful projects, worth \$92 million, include upgrades to roads, bridges and truck washes and bring the NSW Government’s current spending under the Fixing Country Roads program to almost \$247 million.

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight, Melinda Pavey said that safe and reliable roads are essential to maintaining our standard of living and will continue to be a priority for the NSW Government.

“Regional NSW produces around 210 million tonnes of freight a year, with freight volume expected to increase by 25 per cent over the next 40 years,” Mrs Pavey said.

“That is why the Government is investing a further \$92 million towards the Fixing Country Roads program targeting significant regional projects.”

The latest round of funding is the biggest announcement under the program to date and is part of a \$500 million commitment to regional communities under the Restart NSW program.

The Fixing Country Road program complements the Fixing Country Rail initiative, with both focusing on improving freight infrastructure and efficiency across the state. The NSW Government has set aside more than \$1 billion for regional road and rail projects under its Fixing Country Roads, Fixing Country Rail and Bridges for the Bush programs.

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Pic caption: Greg with Murrumbidgee Council’s Mayor Ruth McRae and Deputy Mayor Rob Black