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DEMOLITION OF OLD BIGGARA BRIDGE STARTS SOUTH OF TOWONG

Work will start this month to demolish the old Biggara Bridge across the Murray River, on Indi Road, 20 kilometres south of Towong.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said the NSW Government has provided \$250,000 to dismantle the structure to ensure the old bridge does not pose a risk to public safety or pollute the river environment.

“The timber and steel beam bridge was built in 1951 to replace the privately owned and built suspension bridge which was washed away in 1946,” Mr Aplin said.

“The bridge, which was also known to locals as the Goldsworthy or Maguires Bridge, serviced local farming families between NSW and Victoria, promoting pastoral development in the Upper Murray region.

“Extensively modified over the years and in poor condition, the bridge was closed to traffic in 2011 and a temporary replacement bridge was built beside it.

“Now identified by Roads and Maritime Services for demolition, the temporary bridge will become the permanent Biggara Bridge and continue to service local farmers in the area.

“The local heritage of this bridge will soon be in the care of the Man from Snowy River Museum located in Corryong. Roads and Maritime will provide the museum with photographic archival recording and drawings of the old bridge. A sign identifying the former site of the bridge will also be installed.

“Impacts to traffic will be minimal during the demolition process which is expected to take three weeks to complete. A crane will be used to remove the bridge spans and cut to fit on a semi-trailer to be transported away.

“Work will be carried out on weekdays from 7am to 6pm, weather permitting. Motorists should follow all traffic control directions and signs.”

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