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UPGRADE TO TOOMA ROAD NOW COMPLETE

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced that construction works for the Upper Murray – Clarkes Hill project along Tooma Road, near the town of Tumbarumba, have been completed.

“The NSW Government is proud to have contributed \$1.58 million to this project through the Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads program,” Mr Aplin said.

“This program funds vital road and bridge upgrades to better connect local and regional roads to state highways and key freight hubs.”

These upgrade works were undertaken on a steep and narrow stretch of Tooma Road. By clearing, widening and stabilising a 3.7-kilometre section, and installing new guideposts and signage, this upgrade has ensured the road now meets AustRoads safety standards.

This \$4.16 million project was partly funded by the NSW Government, with a further \$1.58 million also provided by the Australian Government’s Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program. \$1 million in funding was also provided by Snowy Valleys Council, which managed the construction works.

Mr Aplin said this upgrade project will provide a significant boost to the local freight industries that rely on this route.

“Tooma Road is an important route for local industry, particularly for timber transport vehicles accessing regional plantations,” Mr Aplin said.

“In the past, Clarkes Hill was a safety risk and a significant pinch point for heavy vehicles travelling along this route.

“These upgrades will help cut transport costs for local businesses and support the growth of regional industry, including the areas three biggest economic drivers: timber, agriculture and tourism.”

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, said the benefits of this project will be felt across the local community.

“Maintenance costs for Clarkes Hill previously cost Council around \$28,000 annually,” Mr Aplin said. “By building better roads, we are saving money for the local council and local ratepayers and ensuring that the road network is safe and secure for vehicles of all sizes.”

The NSW Government has reserved \$500 million for the Fixing Country Roads program over multiple funding rounds.

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