



**Greg Aplin MP**  
Member for Albury

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### **NSW BUDGET 2018: A RECORD BOOST TO DELIVER SAFER ROADS**

From life-saving wire rope barriers, audio tactile line markings, to more highway patrol officers in regional areas, just a handful of initiatives being delivered as part of a record road safety package.

The NSW Liberals and Nationals Government today announced a boost of \$600 million in additional funding for dedicated road safety improvements and enhanced police enforcement.

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin said the recent increases in the road toll called for further investment in targeted initiatives.

“The cash injection brings the total investment in reducing deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads over the next five years to \$1.9 billion,” said Mr Aplin

Mr Aplin said the Government is delivering on its Road Safety Plan 2021 priorities.

“We are investing in proven initiatives to lower the road toll. Addressing speeding, drink and drug driving, driver fatigue and pedestrian and cyclist safety,

Priority areas include:

- \$640 million to save lives on country roads through infrastructure safety upgrades;
- \$250 million for enhanced enforcement, including 50 additional highway patrol officers in regional areas, roadside alcohol testing and a doubling of mobile drug testing; and,
- \$180 million to increase liveability and safety in urban communities through infrastructure safety upgrades for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

“But this historic investment can only go so far in reducing road deaths and serious injuries and we need every driver, rider and pedestrian to do their bit by taking responsibility for their actions on the road,” Mr Aplin said.

To view Road Safety Plan 2021: <http://www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au/roadsafetyplan>

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