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REPAIRS ON WAY FOR BUSHFIRE-DAMAGED WOMBEYAN CAVES ROAD

Work to repair the bushfire-damaged Wombeyan Caves Road will start next month as one of the first projects in the State rolling out under the \$500 million Bushfire Local Economic Recovery package.

Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie said the work will be funded through the \$500 million Bushfire Local Economic Recovery package, which is co-funded by the Australian and NSW governments for bushfire recovery, response and preparedness.

“Bushfire Local Economic Recovery funding will support job retention and creation in bushfire-impacted regions, strengthen community resilience and reduce the impact of future natural disasters,” Minister McKenzie said.

“The Liberal National Government and NSW governments are each committing \$250 million to support bushfire impacted communities in three stages and this \$8 million project will be funded as part of Stage one.”

“It is important to the Liberal Nationals Government to support vital infrastructure in disaster impacted communities to back their local economy and essential operations”.

Deputy Premier of NSW and NSW Minister responsible for Disaster Recovery John Barilaro said projects like this would help boost local economies and create jobs in areas that are still recovering from bushfires.

“The NSW Government is committed to building a safer and stronger regional NSW by helping communities get back on their feet as quickly as possible after the devastating bushfires,” Mr Barilaro said.

“Regional NSW plays a huge role in stimulating our nation’s economy and so our focus is on improving essential infrastructure like roads in our regional towns.

“Transport for NSW will carry out the \$8 million works along Wombeyan Caves Road as one of 72 priority projects supporting economic and industry recovery in forestry, horticulture, apiculture, aquaculture, viticulture and dairy co-funded under the joint program.”

Federal Member for Hume Angus Taylor said the work will take place between High Range and about 13 kilometres west of Goodmans Ford from early August and will continue for the next 18 months in stages.

“On top of being severely damaged by bushfires, Wombeyan Caves Road was further impacted by flooding, and these repair works will help future-proof the road to withstand other natural disasters,” Mr Taylor said.

“Work will include widening and sealing the road, adding additional gravel, rock removal and vegetation and drainage work.

“The community will be kept informed as this work progresses and we thank them for their patience during this time.”

State Member for Goulburn Wendy Tuckerman said this project is a great example of the high level of cooperation between different levels of government and agencies to combat the impact of bushfires.

“The Department of Regional NSW worked with Resilience NSW, local councils, the National Bushfire Recovery Agency and other stakeholders to identify potential shovel-ready projects that aligned with the national Local Economic Recovery (LER) framework criteria and were suitable for early co-funding,” Mrs Tuckerman said.

“Projects were identified from a range of sources such as Local and Regional Recovery Action Plans, existing NSW Government programs and directly from councils.

“Not only will this work delivering safer, more reliable journeys through the area, it will also help to retain local jobs while supporting industries to rebuild, recover and regrow.”

The National Bushfire Recovery Agency recently transitioned to the newly establish National Recovery and Resilience Agency in response to recommendations from the Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements.

For information visit <https://www.nsw.gov.au/regional-nsw/regional-recovery-programs/bushfire-local-economic-recovery-package>.

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