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WEST WYALONG HEAVY VEHICLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE UPGRADE TO ENTER FINAL STAGE

Final work will start soon on the $15 million project to complete the West Wyalong heavy vehicle alternative route to improve safety and meet the demands of the increasing amount of freight movements along the Newell Highway.

Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Roads, Freight and Transport, Kevin Anderson said the NSW Government provided $15 million for a package of upgrade work, including repairing and strengthening a section of Showground and Compton roads and realigning and widening the railway crossing and approach roads.

“The final stage of work, which will involve connecting the Western Link from the Mid Western Highway to the Newell Highway and Showground Road is scheduled to start on Monday 20 November,” Mr Anderson said.

“This work will repair and strengthen the remaining sections of the bypass, provide a smoother road surface, widen road lanes and shoulders, and reduce maintenance costs.

“Work will be carried out on weekdays from 7am to 5pm and on Saturdays from 9am to 1pm, weather permitting.

Mr Anderson said work was completed earlier this year on the alignment of the railway crossing on Showground and Compton roads.

“At its peak, the project has provided work for over 60 people from around the district with about $400,000 was spent directly with local material and service suppliers from West Wyalong as well as almost $100,000 on accommodation and meals in the local community,” he said.

“The Newell Highway is the main inland route between Victoria and Queensland, and this work is part of an overall plan to upgrade the alternative route for freight travelling via West Wyalong.

“Roads and Maritime thanks motorists for their patience during this important road upgrade work.”

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