APLIN OPENS CONSULTATION ON RIVERINA HIGHWAY PLANS

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin, has today opened the promised community consultation phase of current improvement works on the Riverina Highway east of Albury.

“The Premier has promised me the money, the initial investigations have been completed and developments are underway,” said Mr Aplin.

“This is a much bigger project than has been reported previously. I have been working with Roads and Maritime Services, and with the Minister, to take on an even larger stretch of this highway.

“We are not just looking at the winding 2.5 km section as the road heads up to the weir wall, but a comprehensive review of the safety of the full 5.7 km, from Sandy Creek to Lake Hume Village and then down to Bethanga Bridge,” said Mr Aplin.

“There will be roadworks, road widening, expanded shoulders, resurfacing, safety fencing, new signage and more.

“The widening work from Sandy Creek to Lake Hume Village would start next year, building on previous widening work from Albury to Sandy Creek.”

One section is worthy of particular community input. This is the part from Lake Hume Village down to Bethanga Bridge. “The real safety issue here, according to the road experts,” said Mr Aplin, “is whether it is safe to maintain the existing speed limit of 80 kph or to move to 60 kph on this short but steep and winding stretch.

“The Government wants to hear your views before finalising roadworks in this location. I encourage you to get involved! Many young drivers use this stretch for access to the weir,” Mr Aplin noted, “and we owe it to them to consider fresh options for safety at this key location.”

The consultation period will be between 27 October and 21 November.

To provide feedback you can complete a quick on-line survey at www.rms.nsw.gov.au, email Wagga.Wagga.Regional.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au, call 13 17 82 or write to Roads and Maritime Services South West Regional Office, PO Box 484, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650.

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