$2.7 MILLION PROJECT TO REBUILD A SECTION OF THE COBB HIGHWAY COMPLETED

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling has announced major work on a $2.7 million project to rebuild the Cobb Highway between Ivanhoe and Wilcannia has been completed and will be opened to traffic tomorrow.

Mr Williams said final work including installing signs would be completed by Roads and Maritime Services by the end of November, weather permitting.

“Work on the project started in June to improve the reliability of the road during wet weather and provides a safer location for vehicles to overtake on the highway,” Mr Williams said.

“Work involved building up the road by about 20 centimetres followed by resealing and line marking work.

“In the past, the road has needed to be closed after heavy rain and flooding which results in detours and inconvenience to motorists.

“About 100 vehicles are estimated to use the rural highway each day.

“During work motorists were diverted along a sidetrack. All changed traffic conditions have been lifted and the road will be fully open to traffic from tomorrow.

“This is yet another example of the NSW Government’s commitment to improving roads in western NSW.

“A previous project which was completed in September last year involved a $1.5 million project to seal a 3.2 kilometre section of the highway near White Elephant Tank, south of Wilcannia.

“Thank you to the community for their patience during the Cobb Highway upgrade which was completed to budget and on time,” Mr Williams said.

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