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$2.2 MILLION FOURTH STAGE OF OLYMPIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE AT VERDALE COMPLETED

Member for Wagga Wagga, Daryl Maguire MP, has announced safety for motorists on the Olympic Highway at Verdale will be improved with work on the $2.2 million project to upgrade a section of the highway now complete.

Mr Maguire said the NSW Government funded project involved upgrading a 2.4 kilometre section of the highway north of Culcairn, between The Rock and Yerong Creek.

“The project involved widening the existing section of road, replacing of a number of drainage pipes and improving the road surface,” Mr Maguire said.

“The Olympic Highway is a significant heavy vehicle route and this project will ensure a safer road surface and improved travel times.

“This is the fourth section of the highway to be upgraded after sections were upgraded in 2012-13, 2014-15 and 2015-16 and completes the $7.2 million total upgrade project.

“Roads and Maritime has worked closely with Greater Hume Shire Council to deliver the successful final stage of the upgrade and supported the local community by contracting local service providers and resources.

“Thanks to detailed planning and project management, we were able to deliver the major work component of this final stage of the upgrade on time and within budget in April.

“Work crews remained on site until the end of June finalising minor work including additional line marking.

“The community is thanked for its patience and understanding throughout the major upgrades of this important section of the Olympic Highway in the past five years,” Mr Maguire said.

Greater Hume Shire Council will carry out some minor drainage work along this section of the Olympic Highway throughout the remainder of the year.

Roads and Maritime will continue to keep the motorists informed of any impact to traffic.