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Katrina Announces Funding to Start Planning Holman Bridge Options

The Nationals Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson, announced today that the NSW Government has allocated $225,000 in funding to develop options for the future of the Holman Bridge in Gooloogong.

"The existing Holman Bridge was built in 1904," Katrina Hodgkinson said.

"It is a narrow bridge that does not meet current load standards and limits options for the transport of freight within the region.

"I am dedicated to improving infrastructure levels within the Burrinjuck electorate and the upgrading of roads and bridges is very important, not just for freight but also from a road safety point of view."

Katrina Hodgkinson said she has raised her concerns regarding road and bridge maintenance in the electorate on several occasions with the NSW Minister for Roads, Duncan Gay MLC. Following these discussions, Katrina Hodgkinson said she was very pleased that the RTA is now actively working on several projects within the electorate, including Holman Bridge.

"The next step is for the RTA to meet with residents and businesses in Gooloogong and to hold discussions with other stakeholders during June so future options for the bridge can be examined.

"We are working hard to restore the infrastructure in regional NSW that had been left to deteriorate by the previous State Labor government," Katrina Hodgkinson said.

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