MEDIA RELEASE

8 November 2011

NEW OVERTAKING LANE THE FIRST STEP IN $6 MILLION MONARO HWY UPGRADE

The first steps in a $6 million upgrade of the Monaro Highway have begun with survey work starting south of Williamsdale.

“The survey work will help the Roads and Maritime Service design a new southbound overtaking lane near the southern intersection of the highway with Kellys Road,” Mr Barilaro said.

The area between Williamsdale and Michelago is in the middle of about 40 kilometres of road where there is no overtaking lane for southbound motorists.

"The new lane will give motorists a chance to overtake slower vehicles, which will improve road safety and reduce frustration," Mr Barilaro said.

“The new lane can be built without affecting properties nearby because there is unused space next to the road.” Mr Barilaro said

This $6 million investment in the Monaro Highway was a Liberals and Nationals election commitment. The new overtaking lane is the first project to be funded through this commitment.

"After 16 years of Labor, the residents of the Monaro finally have a Government which delivers on election commitments," Mr Barilaro.

Details of the other projects which the $6 million commitment will fund are being finalised.