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WORK STARTS ON GOCUP ROAD

The Nationals Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson, and Member for Wagga Wagga Daryl Maguire today announced work has started to upgrade Gocup Road at Tumut.

"Gocup Road is an important link to the Hume Highway to access Sydney. It is also used for night time transport between the Visy Mill at Tumut and Melbourne," Mr Maguire said.

Ms Hodgkinson said since becoming a State road in July 2010 planning has been under way to upgrade the road with work to improve the road at Meadow Creek due to be completed this financial year.

"This work starts this week and is the first step towards improving the road which has experienced increasing traffic particularly due to the expansion of the timber industry," Katrina said.

The work at Meadow Creek will widen around 1.5 kilometres of the road about eight kilometres north of Tumut and smooth the road surface, improving ride quality.

Some roadside clearing will also be carried out to reduce the risk of vehicles leaving the road crashing into hazards.

Work will be carried out weekdays between 7am and 5pm, weather permitting and is expected to be completed in April.

A reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place during these times for the safety of motorists and workers. Motorists are advised short delays may be experienced.

Further widening and improvement work is also scheduled to take place on another section of Gocup Road north of Meadow Creek later this year. This project is in the planning stage.

"The entire community recognises the important role Gocup Road plays in providing a vital link between the economic hubs of Sydney and Melbourne and the local area," both Mr Maguire and Ms Hodgkinson said.

Funding for the $1.9 million project has been provided by Roads and Maritime Services, Tumut Council and Industry and Investment NSW.

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