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ROAD WIDENING ON MAIN ROAD 54 AT ABERCROMBIE HILL STARTS SOON

The Nationals Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson, announced today that work to widen Main Road 54 at Abercrombie Hill is starting next month.

Katrina said the work is being carried out in response to concerns raised by the community about accidents and near misses on this section of road.

"The work will involve widening the existing narrow gravel road two kilometres north of the Abercrombie River towards Bathurst and will significantly improve safety for Upper Lachlan Shire residents and through traffic," Katrina said.

"The existing fencing will be removed and a new guard rail will be installed.

"This stretch of road, although not within the Burrinjuck electorate, is considered to be the most dangerous part of MR 54 and has been the site of many accidents over the years.

"I have pushed for repair work on this dangerous road for many years, raising local concerns on the floor of Parliament\(^1\) and making many representations over the years to the former State Labor government.

"Now, less than a year after winning the election, the NSW Liberals and Nationals Government and Roads Minister, Duncan Gay has moved quickly to repair this black spot.

"The NSW Government is providing $800,000 for the project which is being carried out by Bathurst Regional Council.

"Work will start in mid February and is expected to take six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

"The NSW government is getting on with the job of delivering our commitment to improve country roads," Katrina Hodgkinson said.

This section of Main Road 54 will be closed to all traffic from 7am to 6pm weekdays.

Motorists travelling between Goulburn and Bathurst will be diverted through Yass, Cowra and Blayney.

All detours will be clearly signposted with signs installed from mid January to provide early information to motorists.

Access for any emergency services will be maintained at all times.

For more information about traffic conditions contact the Transport Management Centre on 132 701 or visit [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com).

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1 Attached Extract from NSW Legislative Assembly Hansard and Papers Wednesday, 8 March 2006, Katrina Hodgkinson: Upper Lachlan Shire Roads