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ROAD UPGRADES FOR HUNTER WINE REGION

Work is progressing well on plans to upgrade roads in the Hunter Wine Region, as part of the NSW Government’s commitment to provide $20 million across four years.

The Nationals Duty MLC for Cessnock Trevor Khan said this financial year the NSW Government has allocated $5 million to start work.

“Cessnock City Council will invite tenders this week to upgrade a 700 metre section of Broke Road about 400 metres west of Wine Country Drive at Pokolbin,” Mr Khan said.

“This project will complete the upgrade of Broke Road between Wine Country Drive and McDonalds Road.

“The completed upgrade will improve road safety and provide a wider and smoother, road surface for all motorists, resulting in reduced ongoing maintenance costs.

“This is the first project to be delivered as part of the new package of work to upgrade Broke Road.

“Work is expected to start on the road upgrade in April 2012.

“This project confirms the NSW Government’s commitment to maintaining the important roads connecting the Upper Hunter and the wine region,” Mr Khan said.