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BROWN MOUNTAIN TO OPEN FOR EASTER

Member for Monaro John Barilaro today announced both lanes of the Snowy Mountains Highway at Brown Mountain are expected to be opened in time for the Easter weekend.

"A temporary road surface and crash barrier will be in place to allow traffic to travel in both directions during the busy weekend period," Mr Barilaro said.

"RMS crews have been working tirelessly to repair the road since it was closed due to a land slip on the 1st of March and work is expected to be completed by Thursday afternoon.

"This opening will be a welcome relief to businesses in Nimmitabel and Bemboka who have experienced a sharp downturn in trade.

"After the weekend, RMS will continue work to put the finishing touches on the repaired section.

"After Easter the temporary road surface will be replaced with a permanent seal and a permanent crash barrier will be installed.

"I strongly encourage motorists using the road not to be tempted to stop and look at the repairs as the shoulders are not wide enough to pull over safely at this location.

"I would however encourage all Canberra coast-goers heading to the far south coast to take Brown Mountain and to grab some hot cross buns from Bemboka on the way through." Mr Barilaro said.