CONTRACT AWARDED FOR WORK ON NEWELL HIGHWAY ROUNDBOAbout AT TOCUMWAL

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling today announced Cut and Fill Pty Ltd has been awarded a contract for concrete road resurfacing on the Newell Highway roundabout at the intersection of Tuppal Road and Deniliquin Road, Tocumwal.

Mr Williams said it is an important project for Tocumwal which is becoming a major regional hub for grain transportation to and from Victoria, along the Newell Highway.

The $6 million state funded project aims to ensure this section of highway meets current design standards, improves road safety and increases the life of the road.

"The work involves replacing the deteriorating asphalt road surface on the roundabout with concrete. The guardrail between the roundabout and the bridge will also be replaced to prevent vehicles from driving over the embankment," Mr Williams said.

“Cut and Fill Pty Ltd will start work in August. Detours and traffic control will be in place at various stages during work to reduce the impact on highway and local traffic.

New arrangements will include:

- A temporary side road built on the Tuppal Road side of the roundabout for through traffic travelling between Finley and Victoria and traffic turning into Tuppal Road
- Temporarily extending Finley Street to meet the Newell Highway for one way, light traffic only
- No access to the roundabout from Deniliquin Road
- Heavy vehicle access for vehicles weighing more than 4.5 tonnes using Racecourse Road and Murray Street on the eastern side of Tocumwal and Silos Road and Tuppal Road on the western side of Tocumwal.

“The project is expected to be completed in early 2013. The work will take longer than if using asphalt as concrete needs to be placed by hand and can be affected by temperature.

“The long term benefits to the community of using a concrete surface include a significantly longer life span and reduced maintenance costs," Mr Williams said.

For more information about the project, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au.

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