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WORK RESTARTS ON GOCUP ROAD

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has re started work on Gocup Road at Meadow Creek in Tumut.

Daryl Maguire MP Member for Wagga Wagga said Gocup Road is an important link to the Hume Highway for access to the port of Sydney. It is also used for night time transport between the Visy Mill at Tumut and Melbourne.

"Since becoming a state road in July 2010, planning has been under way to upgrade the road.

"Work at Meadow Creek aims to improve the road which has experienced increasing traffic particularly due to the expansion of the timber industry.

“Industry and Investment NSW has contributed $1.3 million towards the $1.9 million project, with the remainder of the funding coming from RMS,” Daryl Maguire said.

The work at Meadow Creek involves widening the road and improving drainage for about 1.5 kilometres, about eight kilometres north of Tumut.

The work will extend the life of the road, reduce future maintenance costs and provide better travel conditions for all motorists.

Some clearing of roadside hazards will also be carried out as part of this important work.

Work will be carried out weekdays between 7am and 6pm and from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays. Work is expected to be finished by mid October, weather permitting.

Reduced speed limits will be in place during the work for the safety of motorists and workers. Motorists are advised minor delays may be experienced.

"The entire region recognises the important role Gocup Road plays in providing a vital link between the economic hubs of Sydney and Melbourne and the local area.

“Further improvements immediately south of Meadow Creek are expected to be carried out early next year," Mr Maguire said.