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MAINTENANCE WORK ON BROWN MOUNTAIN RETAINING WALL

Member for Bega Andrew Constance today announced work will start next week to carry out essential maintenance on a retaining wall on the Snowy Mountains Highway between Bemboka and Nimmitabel.

"The $1 million project is part of the NSW Government commitment to maintain the State road network," Mr Constance said.

"Work will be carried out to restore a 60 metre section of the outer embankment on Brown Mountain which had been eroded by a number of severe storms since 2010.

"The work to be carried out is about two kilometres further up the mountain from repairs carried out on Brown Mountain in March this year.

"One lane of the highway will be closed while work is carried out and motorists will be guided through the worksite by portable traffic lights.

"The closure is necessary to protect motorists and workers operating on the steep embankment below.

"A reduced roadwork speed limit of 40km/h will be in place but this is only expected to add about five minutes travel time for motorists.

"There will be occasional delays of up to 20 minutes when large equipment or materials are delivered to the site.

"Electronic message signs will advise motorists of changed traffic conditions.

"Work will start on Monday 15 October and is expected to take about three months to complete, weather permitting," Mr Constance said.

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