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Katrina announces $4m for Flood Damaged Roads in the Weddin and Cowra Shires

The Nationals Member for Burrinjuck, Katrina Hodgkinson, today announced the NSW Government will provide almost $4 million in funding to repair flood damaged roads in the Cowra and the Weddin Shires.

“The funding will be used to help restore and repair roads in the area damaged by the March floods,” Katrina said.

“This funding is part of the $60 million in natural disaster assistance that the State Government has committed to repairing flood damaged roads in the Burrinjuck electorate this financial year.

“Funding of $969,517 has been allocated to repairing the Newell and Midwestern Highways in Weddin Shire and $98,933 will pay for repairs to the Gooloogong Road, Henry Lawson Way, the Young Road and Mary Gilmore Way.

"Additionally Weddin Shire Council will receive $818,023 to make repairs to the more than 100 local roads that were damaged during the flood.

“Repairs to the Midwestern Highway in Cowra Shire have been allocated $701,420 and the Belubula Way, Darbys Falls Rd and Warraderry Way have been allocated $139,505 for repairs.

"Cowra Shire Council has been allocated $645,005 for repairs to the more than 80 local roads damaged by the floods.

“The funding allocations were made after a comprehensive Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) assessment of damaged roads in the area and the NSW Government is covering the full cost of the repairs.

“Getting this important infrastructure back up to standard is crucial for the local community,” Katrina said.

"More than $106 million was allocated to roads in the Burrinjuck electorate by the NSW Government in this year's State Budget.

"In the last budget of the former State Labor Government, FY2010-11, the Burrinjuck electorate received only $30.2 million in State funding for roads.

"The NSW government is getting on with the job of building and repairing vital road infrastructure in regional NSW," Katrina said.

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