Regional Industry Forum
Western Region

Golden Highway
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Regional industry forums

Purpose

- Infrastructure priorities in regional NSW including roads, health and education
- Scope of roads portfolio in regional NSW
- Information on working with us
- Network and connect with industry, councils and project teams
The regional climate
Supporting growth in the regions

• Safer roads and reducing fatalities on regional and remote roads is a priority
• The NSW freight task is expected to more than double by 2031
• NSW’s population is growing
• Customer needs are changing

An additional 240,000 customers using our regional roads by 2027
Investment in the regions

Our regional priorities

• Allocating over $4.8 billion to regional areas in 2017/18
• Fast tracking upgrades to key regional highways
• Investing over $100 million in each of our regions on maintenance
• Connecting communities and boosting regional economies
• Working towards positive environmental outcomes for our road projects
Regional road projects in NSW

Over $4.8 billion invested in 2017/18

- 28 major projects in construction in regional NSW
- $208 million for major regional road upgrades
Looking after our country roads

Bridge and maintenance programs

- **13,000km** of road and bridge infrastructure
- Replacing **660** ageing timber bridges across NSW
- Bridges for the Bush
  - Country Bridge Solutions
- Re-marking **15,000km** of lines on the regional road network
- Pavement Resurfacing Program
Western region project snapshot

Planning, construction and maintenance

6 projects in planning

3 recently completed projects

7 projects in construction

18 maintenance and safety projects in construction
Western region road projects

Key major and minor projects

Silver City Highway and Cobb Highway road sealing

Newell Highway projects
Western region road projects
Minor and maintenance projects

• $180 million maintenance program
• 4 million square metres of resealing
• 600,000 square metres of repairs and rehabilitation
• $20.4 million plant hire per year
• 8 bridge replacements
Safety remains a priority
Working with our industry partners

• Partnering with industry to trial new safety initiatives
• ‘Separate yourself’ program
• Collecting and analysing WHS data
Regional Aboriginal engagement

Working with our industry partners

- NSW Aboriginal Participation in Construction Policy (APiC)
- Mandatory targets – 1.5% for projects above $1 million
Regional Aboriginal engagement

- Aboriginal apprentices in regions
- Towards Zero program
- Entry-level talent programs
- Improving regional road safety through our Aboriginal driver licensing and education programs
Working with Roads and Maritime

NSW Government policies

- APiC
- Construction Apprenticeships Policy
- Strategies to increase innovation
Working with Roads and Maritime

Our panels and schemes

- National Prequalification Scheme
- Roads and Maritime Registration Scheme
- Engineering Services Panels
- Regional Maintenance Panels
Working with Roads and Maritime

- Direct opportunities
- Indirect opportunities through subcontracts, local government, suppliers
- Opportunity today to network with each other
Next steps

• Next regional industry forum in Kiama on Friday 28 July
• More regional industry forum dates to be announced
• Regional round tables – register your interest and regional representative to RMSIndustry@rms.nsw.gov.au
• Major Projects Forum 2022 in Sydney in August