

Media Release

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REPAIR BLITZ HITTING NEW HEIGHTS ON THE GREAT ALPINE ROAD

One of Victoria's key tourism routes is undergoing major works thanks to the Andrews Labor Government's emergency road repair blitz.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne confirmed a 1.8 kilometre section of the Great Alpine Road near Ensay North will be completely rebuilt as part of the \$165 million emergency repair program.

The \$2.6 million project will repair severe damage caused by recent flooding and extreme rainfall, ensuring the road is up to standard for thousands of drivers each day.

Crews will completely dig up the damaged section of the road and rebuild it from the ground up, with works expected to begin in the coming weeks and take around three months to complete.

The works will follow on from rebuilding works recently completed on the Great Alpine Road between Dinner Plain and Cobungra, repairing significant damage to the road in time for the summer holiday season.

After grading the road in October, crews returned in December to complete large-scale repairs, including removing the damaged material and replacing it with a stabilised rock and cement mix before sealing the road and adding new line marking.

One of the state's busiest tourism routes, the Great Alpine Road serves as a key connection between Victoria's alpine region and tens of thousands of visitors each year, as well as an important link for communities in the state's north-east.

More than \$55 million worth of major flood repairs is being delivered across Gippsland and Victoria's north-east as part of the \$165 million blitz, keeping flood-affected communities moving as they rebuild.

The works are targeting some of the state's most badly flood-damaged roads and key freight and travel routes, including Hume Freeway, Goulburn Valley Freeway, Midland Highway and the Shepparton Alternative Route, along with Marlo Road, the Princes Highway East and the Bass Highway.

Across Victoria, a crew of workers has repaired, rebuilt and resurfaced more than 640 kilometres of roads and completed more than 100 kilometres of roadside clean-ups and drainage repairs.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We know how important the Great Alpine Road is, not just for tourists, but for north-eastern Victorian communities who rely on it to access vital goods and services."

"Right across regional Victoria, our emergency road blitz is delivering repairs where they're needed most."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh

"The Great Alpine Road is one of the busiest tourism routes in all of Victoria, which is why these critical flood repair works will be a welcome relief right across the community."

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