

Media Release

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REPAIRS CONTINUE IN NORTH EAST VICTORIA FOLLOWING FLOODS

The Andrews Labor Government is continuing to deliver long-term repairs to north-east Victoria's most badly damaged roads following the devastating floods last year.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne said work is underway to rebuild and repair major roads in the area to ensure motorists can keep moving safely, including the Goulburn Valley Freeway, Hume Freeway, Midland Highway and Shepparton Alternative Highway.

Major patching works have since taken place on the Goulburn Valley Freeway between Seymour and Shepparton, after it was forced to close in October last year due to the flooding.

The works have repaired the damage to the road and will improve the strength and lifespan of the road itself. It will also allow the freeway to continue functioning as a key freight route for Victoria, forming part of a national freight corridor for good travelling between Melbourne and Brisbane, which also runs through the Goulburn Valley food bowl.

Victoria's flood-damaged roads are undergoing large-scale repairs as part of the Labor Government's \$165 million emergency repair blitz.

Since October last year, more than 937 kilometres of flood recovery activities have been completed across the state, ranging from clearing debris and drainage to rebuilding and repair works. A further 119 kilometres of work is currently underway.

World-first laser technology is also being used to assess the condition of the damage to the roads from the floods to inform additional recovery projects state-wide and ensure safety for all road users.

Quote attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"We're continuing to deliver long-term repairs to our most badly damaged roads across the state following the devastating floods last year – ensuring motorists can keep moving safely and get to where they need to go."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"These works to rebuild and repair our roads following the floods are vital to improve safety for all road users as they travel throughout the area."