

Media Release

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FURTHER UPGRADES ON THE WIMMERA HIGHWAY

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering further upgrades on the Wimmera Highway to benefit motorists, farmers and freight operators.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Ports and Freight Melissa Horne today announced works will soon get underway to rebuild and repair sections of the highway in Dooen and St Arnaud East.

Since the start of the year, crews have been on-site rebuilding and repairing sections of the highway at Bates Lake near Hauslers-Dundons Road, and between Quantong Cemetery Road and Vectis Station Road in Vectis.

Works will begin in the next few weeks between Molyneaux Road and Max Johns Road, and Forster Road and Kooreh Road, with additional works to take place next month at Murtoa township.

Lane closures and a reduced speed limit will be in place during the works, with traffic management on-site to help road users around the area.

The works form part of the Labor Government's \$780 million investment in maintaining Victoria's road assets, and build on road rehabilitation works undertaken last year on the Wimmera Highway at Dooen, Rupanyup, Jung and Vectis.

In total, more than 3.9 kilometres of the Wimmera Highway will be repaired across five sections, benefitting approximately 2,000 drivers who use the highway per day, including more than 200 trucks and other heavy vehicles.

The works are scheduled for completion by the end of May, weather permitting.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Our regional highways across the state provide important connections for freight, agriculture and the community."

"That's why we're getting on with these works to rebuild and repair sections of the Wimmera Highway in Dooen and St Arnaud to improve safety and create smoother journeys."

Quotes attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora

"These important upgrades across the Wimmera Highway will provide smoother and safer journeys for all road users for years to come."