

# Media Release

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## RESURFACING WORKS COMPLETE ON ARARAT-MORTLAKE ROAD

A key western Victorian trade and tourism route has undergone much-needed repairs, with drivers now enjoying a smoother journey along Ararat-Mortlake Road, thanks to the Allan Labor Government.

Ararat-Mortlake Road was hit hard by last year's floods and the \$2.5 million package of works has repaired the damage caused restoring the key link for local farmers, freight operators, as well as tourists heading to the Great Ocean Road and the Grampians.

Resurfacing works have been carried out on two sections of the road - a two-kilometre stretch between Lake Bolac and Woorndoo and a smaller section south of Lake Bolac.

Crews continue to be out in the west of the State undertaking major rebuilding and rehabilitation of roads, asphalt patching, repairing bridges, clearing and fixing damaged roadside drains and culverts and clearing roadside debris.

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

These works are targeting the state's most badly flood-damaged roads, along with key freight and travel routes, keeping drivers and goods on the move right across the state.

This Government is investing an additional \$2.8 billion over 10 years into road maintenance and renewal works, including flood recovery.

This will see a total of at least \$6.6 billion invested in maintaining our road assets over the next decade, with \$770 million to be spent in the 2023-24 financial year.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Ports and Freight Melissa Horne**

*"These crucial works to upgrade Mortlake-Ararat Road will ensure we keep this vital tourist link operating smoothly and help locals and farmers get around Lake Bolac safely."*

*"Last year's devastating floods did enormous damage to our roads but we're continuing to deliver long-term repairs so drivers can keep moving safely around our state."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney**

*"We're ensuring that local drivers, freight operators and tourists have smoother, more reliable journeys across western Victoria."*