

Media Release

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REPAIRING FLOOD DAMAGED ROADS IN NORTHERN VICTORIA

Works are set to commence on flood-damaged roads across north central Victoria as part of an emergency blitz jointly funded by the Allan and Albanese Governments.

In the wake of floods and extreme rainfall which have lashed the state since Christmas, Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne said a \$99.5 million rebuild and recovery package includes large-scale, long-term repairs for Victoria's most badly-damaged roads, including those in the Loddon Mallee region.

Just some of the roads set to undergo repairs include Bendigo-Redesdale Road, Prairie-Rochester Road, Heathcote-Nagambie Road and the Loddon Valley Highway.

Crews will also undertake further flood recovery road rehabilitation works along the Sunraysia Highway and Patchewollock-Sea Lake Road over the coming months.

Works set to be delivered under the package include fully rebuilding some of the most badly-damaged sections of road, major asphaltting, landslip stabilisation, repairs to damaged structures and road shoulders, clearing of roadside drains and culverts and replacing signs, safety barriers and other important roadside assets.

Additionally, crews will also carry out further roadside mowing and slashing to reduce the risk of bushfires posed by unseasonal accelerated growth.

Four separate flood events have hit Victoria since Christmas, forcing the closure of more than 100 of the state's arterial roads at their peak.

Since then, additional resources have been deployed across the state to deliver short-term emergency repairs and get all of these roads re-opened.

Funding for these emergency road repairs comes on top of the Allan Labor Government's \$770 million investment this year to delivering other major road maintenance works across Victoria as part of an unprecedented \$6.6 billion, 10-year investment.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Continuing Victoria's road to recovery after these recent flood events is our number one priority, and we'll deliver these large-scale repairs as quickly and safely as we can."

Quote attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

We're getting on with repairing our roads and ensuring locals, tourists and freight can continue travelling safely."