

# Media Release

**The Hon Luke Donnellan MP**  
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## WORK UNDERWAY TO FIX WAHGUNYAH-WANGARATTA ROAD

Critical work to fix a distressed section of Wahgunyah-Wangaratta Road (also known as Federation Way) at North Wangaratta is underway.

Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan today visited the notorious section of road, which is undergoing a full pavement rebuild.

The speed limit along this section has been reduced from 80km/hr to 60km/hr since November 2015, due to the poor condition of the road.

The Andrews Labor Government is investing \$450,000 to reconstruct a one kilometre section at Bowser, near the Wangaratta Road intersection.

Resurfacing works are also being carried out, along with the drainage improvements and the installation of new safety barriers.

This significant upgrade will improve the strength, durability and longevity of the road, which is a key route for locals and an important link for industry between Wangaratta and Wahgunyah.

More than 850 kilometres of deteriorating roads in regional Victoria are now being rebuilt thanks to a \$260 million maintenance boost from the Labor Government this year alone.

Work will be carried out between 7:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Friday, and is expected to be completed by the end of the month, if favourable weather conditions continue.

Drivers are advised that speed and lane restrictions may be in place to keep drivers and workers safe.

Following the completion of the project, the speed limit will be restored to 80km/hr.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Luke Donnellan

*"We're fixing Wahgunyah-Wangaratta Road to make it safer and more reliable for the people that rely on it every day."*

*"We've doubled our investment in road maintenance since coming to office – this year VicRoads will be doing more maintenance work than it's done in decades."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

*"When this work is complete, we'll be putting the speed back up to 80km/h so that locals can get home safer and sooner."*

*"We're ramping up efforts to rebuild the roads locals rely on every day, investing more than \$10 million to rebuild roads in the North East this summer."*

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