## **Media Release**

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## **HYLAND HIGHWAY FULLY REOPENED AFTER MAJOR REPAIRS**

The Allan Labor Government has delivered major repairs and safety upgrades to a busy Gippsland freight and tourism route after it was damaged by extreme weather.

Crews have fully reopened the Hyland Highway near Carrajung Lower after wrapping up a major repair program after heavy rainfall caused two landslips on the road in November and December 2023.

Both lanes of the highway are now open, and the 100km/h speed limit has been reinstated.

Extensive works included the construction of a 50-metre-long retaining wall with increased load-bearing capacity to stabilise the road.

Crews also carried out asphalting and road surface repairs, restored damaged structures and road shoulders, cleared roadside drains and culverts, and replaced safety barriers, signage, and roadside assets.

The Labor Government has also kicked off a \$964 million road maintenance blitz, as part of the largest single-year investment towards road maintenance in Victoria's history

Crew are out across the state working on thousands of projects to rebuild, repair and resurface roads including major works to the South Gippsland Highway, Rosedale-Longford Road, Koo-Wee-Rup-Longwarry Road, and Korumburra-Warragul Road.

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

"Both lanes of the Hyland Highway are now open and the 100 km/h speed limit reinstated – keeping this crucial freight and tourist route moving."

"It's been a mammoth job from our crews to reopen both lanes after heavy rainfall and extreme weather caused two landslips – with crews stabilising and repairing the road to make it safe again for the community."

## **Quotes attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh**

"The reopening of the Hyland Highway is a huge win for the community, freight operators, and tourists who rely on this key route each and every day."

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