

Media Release

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MAJOR WESTERN HIGHWAY REPAIRS UNDERWAY

The Allan Labor Government's record road maintenance blitz is helping to support the state's multi-billion dollar grain industry through repairing a busy section of the Western Highway.

Crews have begun rehabilitation works on a one kilometre stretch of the Western Highway in Lawloit between Kaniva and Nhill as part of this year's \$964 million investment in road maintenance.

This section of highway helps move thousands of tonnes of grain from farms across the region to storage facilities at Nhill each year – supporting Victoria's \$4.4 billion grain industry.

As a major link between South Australia and western Victoria, the highway also helps to keep hundreds of thousands of drivers and millions of tonnes of freight on the move between Melbourne and Adelaide each year.

With much bigger, heavier trucks on our roads, these works are vital to improving the resilience of the road network and ensuring goods can travel to the state's ports and markets.

The works to rebuild and strengthen the road are expected to take around two months to complete, weather permitting.

As part of the Labor Government's road maintenance blitz, major repairs are also currently underway in Beaufort and Trawalla on the Western Highway.

Between now and June 2025, crews are completing thousands of individual projects to rebuild, repair, and resurface roads Victorian drivers rely on right across the state – with around 70 per cent of funding going towards regional roads.

Warmer conditions are more suitable for major roadworks, and drivers can expect to see workers deployed across the state, delivering these important road works.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"Our crews are working tirelessly to rebuild, repair and resurface roads right across the state as part of our \$964 million investment in road maintenance."

"We're rebuilding this stretch of the Western Highway to ensure the road is more resilient to handle larger, heavier trucks that are getting goods to market—supporting the farmers, freight operators, and families who rely on it every single day."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Jacinta Ermacora

"Whether it's getting grain to storage or simply driving to work, these major repairs on the Western Highway will make life easier for everyone in our community."

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