

MEDIA RELEASE

David Campbell MP
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FUNDING PROVIDED FOR GOCUP ROAD UPGRADE

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Minister for Transport David Campbell today announced that the NSW Government would provide \$500,000 to Tumut Shire Council, under its REPAIR program to contribute to an upgrade of Gocup Road.

Mr Campbell said Tumut Shire Council submitted a request for funding for road widening and reconstruction works under the REPAIR program, which provided funding to improve Regional Roads.

“Funds are available on a dollar for dollar basis to councils for specific projects, according to statewide priorities, which aim to improve road network efficiency and safety,” Mr Campbell said.

Gocup Road is around 30 kilometres long and provides a link from south east NSW to the Hume Highway. The road is classified as a Regional Road and is the responsibility of Gundagai and Tumut Shire Councils.

“Since 2001, the NSW Government has invested more than \$15 million to support the timber industry in this region,” Mr Campbell said.

The investment includes:

- \$7.3 million for the Visy Pulp and Paper Mill access road from the Snowy Mountains Highway
- \$3.96 million for the upgrade of timber haulage routes
- \$4 million between 2003 and 2007, for the Tumut and Gundagai Shire Councils to upgrade Gocup Road.

“There has also been repair and widening works completed on the Snowy Mountains Highway and on the Tumut to Jingellic Road, and these works have also been of benefit to the timber industry,” Mr Campbell said.

“I trust that Tumut Council will come on board and match the Government’s \$500,000 investment.”

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