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**ROAD UPGRADES PAVE THE WAY FOR SAFER JOURNEYS FOR  
GLEN INNES MOTORISTS**

Safer and more reliable journeys are on the way for motorists and freight operators in the Glen Innes region, with road upgrade works starting soon thanks to \$13.5 million from the Albanese and Minns Governments.

Glen Innes Severn Council has been approved to receive 2 packages of disaster funding under the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and the Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package.

The DRFA will allow Glen Innes Severn Council to complete improvement works on 9 local roads across the region including sections of Strathbogie Road, Rangers Valley Road, Furracabad Road, Glen Leigh Road, Pinkett Road, Shannon Vale Road, Haymarket Road, Maybole Road and Golf Links Road. The Shannon Vale Road upgrade was completed in February 2024.

The Regional Roads and Transport Recovery Package will help Glen Innes Severn Council carry out improvement work on regional roads including sections of Emmaville Road and Wellington Vale Road.

The work includes strengthening through cement stabilisation of the base pavement and resealing to make the roads better able to withstand prolonged periods of wet weather and flooding.

Geotechnical and design investigations are underway for both packages, with work expected to start later this year.

**Quotes attributed to Senator Jenny McAllister, Minister for Emergency Management:**

"The Albanese Government is working with the NSW Government and local councils to ensure communities have resilient infrastructure they can rely on every day. We are working to ensure all road users are connected and make it home safely to their loved ones every day.

"The Albanese Government is delivering reliable infrastructure and assets that keep regional communities in NSW connected and safe, especially during times of severe weather."

**Quotes attributed to Jenny Aitchison, Minister for Regional Transport and Roads:**

"This is great news for Glen Innes, in particular, for the villages of Emmaville and Deepwater.

"Emmaville Road and Wellington Vale Road provide a critical link for residents and businesses to the major centre of Glen Innes.

"These improvements being funded by the Australian and NSW Governments, will improve safety significantly while also ensuring reliable roads for residents in all types of weather."

**Quotes attributed to NSW Labor's spokesperson for Northern Tablelands, Peter Primrose MLC:**

"It's great to see all levels of government working collaboratively to improve regional roads across NSW.

"This important work is ensuring our rural and regional communities remain connected throughout natural disasters and can bounce back quicker."

**Quotes attributed to Bernard Smith, Glen Innes Severn General Manager:**

"We're assessing all our local roads and preparing to start major repairs on Pinkett Road, Rangers Valley Road, Glen Legh Road, and Emmaville Road segments by September. Construction will begin in summer 2024/2025, with additional roadworks on Maybole Road, Golf Links Road, and others continuing through early 2026. These improvements are essential for better travel and safety in our region.

"The design phase for our regional roads is progressing well, with Emmaville Road set for delivery in December 2024. These upgrades, including the remaining

segments of Emmaville Road and Wellington Vale Road planned for the 2025/26 financial year, are crucial for enhancing transport links and supporting regional development across our towns.

"This grant allows our council to fortify essential infrastructure, making it more disaster resilient. By upgrading our roads and transport networks, we're ensuring they serve our community effectively, now and in the future.

"The support and resources provided by Transport for NSW are invaluable. Their expertise and commitment to enhancing regional transport infrastructure align perfectly with our goals for Glen Innes Severn."

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