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\$9 MILLION BOOST TO REPAIR AND STRENGTHEN WISEMANS FERRY ROAD

Communities along the Hawkesbury River and Central Coast are one step closer to safer and more reliable travel, with the Albanese and Minns Labor Governments confirming an extra \$8.99 million for critical repair and resilience works on Wisemans Ferry Road at Greengrove.

The road, which was badly damaged by floods and storms in recent years, has been the focus of extensive landslip remediation since 2024. This new funding brings the total joint investment to \$37.35 million, under the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The investment includes:

- **\$28.89 million** to restore the road and embankments damaged by floods and landslips.
- **\$8.46 million** from the Regional Roads Transport Recovery Package to strengthen the road so it is more resilient to future natural disasters.

Central Coast Council is delivering the works, with contractors already active across more than 40 landslip sites between Spencer and Gunderman.

Works at Greengrove will begin in 2026, with full completion expected by late 2026, weather permitting.

This latest funding will ensure the road, a vital link for local residents, businesses, tourists and freight, can better withstand the impacts of severe weather and keep communities connected.

Further project information can be found on Central Coast Council's website:
centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

Quotes attributed to Federal Minister for Emergency Management, Kristy McBain:

"The Albanese Government is partnering with state and local governments to not only repair roads damaged in natural disasters, but to build them back better and more resilient to future events.

"This additional funding will help to ensure Wisemans Ferry Road provides safer and more reliable journeys for locals and visitors to this area in the years to come.

"We are committed to ensuring Australia's regional communities have roads they can rely on, which is why these projects are so important."

Quotes attributed to the Member for Robertson, Dr. Gordon Reid:

"Wisemans Ferry Road is a critical local artery for communities along the Hawkesbury River, linking them to jobs and educational opportunities, and providing access to other goods and services.

"The additional \$8.99 million being announced today together with the initial funding will help Central Coast Council ensure the road is not just restored to its former state but is better able to withstand future challenges."

Quotes attributed to NSW Minister for Roads, Jenny Aitchison:

"Repeated severe weather events have clearly shown how important it is to make sure our key regional roads are not just fit for purpose, but resilient to inevitable future natural disasters.

"Wisemans Ferry Road provides essential connections for communities in the region, and this additional funding will allow Central Coast Council to go even further in ensuring the road can better cope with landslips and significant rain events."

Quotes attributed to NSW Minister for the Central Coast, David Harris:

"Thousands of residents and visitors to the region rely on Wisemans Ferry Road every day

"This work will enable them to feel confident the road will be safer and can deal with bad weather better than before.

"I am pleased at the level of commitment from all levels of government in this investment and work to improve conditions for all users of a crucial artery of our growing region."

Quotes attributed to NSW Minister for Recovery, Janelle Saffin:

"It's great to see the three levels of government working together to build back better on the Central Coast.

"Roads connect communities to each other and essential services. We need to ensure they are fit for purpose now and into the future and this boost in funding will do just that."

Quotes attributed to Gosford MP Liesl Tesch:

"With the increasing threat of significant weather events, we know Wisemans Ferry Road is likely to face increasing weather-related challenges in the future.

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“It is so important to invest not only in restoring the road, but in improving it so that when natural disasters do occur, our critical infrastructure can cope, and normal life can resume more quickly.

“I welcome this additional funding on behalf of our local community who I know have long been advocating for this work.”

Quotes attributed to Central Coast Council Mayor Lawrie McKinna:

“Wisemans Ferry Road is a vital connection for many of our river communities and we know how tough it's been with all the damage from storms and floods.

“This extra \$8.99 million in funding is a big win – it means we can keep pushing ahead with repairs and make the road stronger and safer for the future.

We're working hard to get things back on track and we really appreciate the community's patience while we get the job done.”

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