



Nichole Overall MP

MEMBER FOR MONARO



Ms Sue Murray

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Sue,

Thank you for your letter dated 30 October, 2022 regarding the state of rural roads in our region.

As I'm sure you appreciate, our region has experienced an exceptional period of wet weather and heavy downfalls of rain, which causes additional damage to our local road networks.

As referenced in your letter, the Monaro region has received additional funding through the Fixing Local Roads Pothole Repair round, which was an emergency fund to top up the funding already received by Councils. The region received \$1.49 million in the first round.

In the latest \$500 million emergency road repair funding round from the NSW Government - a record figure - an additional \$7.92 million has been allocated between our two Monaro councils.

This funding is of course, over and above the funding the Government already supports our councils with.

From April 2019 to June 2022, the State Government has funded Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council alone an amount of \$207,172,152 for roads. There is an additional commitment of \$11,385,632 until November 2023. This takes the total spent on roads in the QPRC area by the Liberals-Nationals NSW Government to \$218,557,784.

A number of safety upgrades were undertaken at Foxes Elbow, Braidwood, in the second half of last year. The safety upgrades to the Kings Highway were funded to \$1.1million.

You would also be aware, the Nerriga Road has had a considerable amount of work over the last five years, with Stage 4 expected to be completed by March this year. Funding for Stage 5 has been applied for under the next round of the Fixing Country Roads program. As a summary, the work on Nerriga Road is as follows:

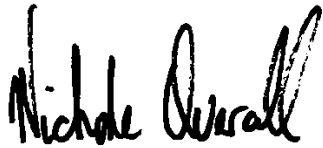
- Stage 1: Grants Rd to Stewarts Crossing Rd (5km – completed 2018)
- Stage 2: Stewarts Crossing Rd to Charleyong Bridge (3km – completed 2019 / 2020)
- Charleyong Bridge – NSW Project, completed.
- Stage 3: Durran Durra Range – Brightside Rd to Grants Rd (3.1km – sealing complete, 2022)
- Stage 4: Kings Hwy / Nerriga Rd – to be completed by March '23.

- Stage 5: Ningee Nimble Creek: Mongarlowe River and Charley's Forest Rd (4.7km – applied for FCR).

As well as funding for roads, the NSW Government has made a considerable commitment to replacing country bridges including \$4.6million to replace three bridges on Araluen Road and \$1.39million for the Tantulean Creek Bridge replacement.

I look forward to continuing to work with our communities to ensure a safe and reliable road network into the future for the Monaro.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nichole Overall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nichole Overall MP
Member for Monaro

2 Feb, 2023