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### **STIMULUS CONTINUES TO SUPPORT REGIONAL JOBS**

Regional economies and local jobs continue to benefit from the acceleration of shovel-ready projects as part of the NSW Government's \$100 million stimulus for road and maintenance works.

Minister for Regional Transport and Roads Paul Toole said the stimulus, funded by the NSW Government's \$2.3 billion COVID-19 package announced in March, is powering ahead with another 44 projects to be completed in the coming months.

"These shovel-ready road and maintenance projects are providing a critical boost to regional economies feeling the effects of COVID-19," Mr Toole said.

"Between March and June 30 this year, 92 stimulus projects were completed, supporting on average over 200 jobs each week.

"As well as underpinning regional jobs, we have also been able to engage local suppliers across NSW providing a much-needed boost for businesses in the bush.

"In the coming weeks and months an additional 44 large and small projects will also be fast-tracked."

Projects soon to commence include:

- \$1 million towards the rehabilitation of Stoney Creek Bridge;
- \$1.5 million for road rehabilitation along Big River Way in the Clarence Valley;
- \$1.7 million to replace steel sleepers with concrete sleepers on the Country Rail Network between Molong and Parkes; and
- \$2.5 million for road rehabilitation along the Hume Highway, south of Gundagai.

Mr Toole said works to rectify bushfire damage in several parts of the State had also been brought forward under the stimulus spend.

"Bringing forward these projects has given regional communities a real shot-in-the-arm, especially those that have suffered a triple whammy of drought, bushfires and COVID-19."

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