

THE TURNBULL COALITION TEAM CCHQ 2016

The Plan for a Strong New Economy



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\$50 MILLION FOR BARTON HIGHWAY DUPLICATION PACKAGE

Deputy Liberal Leader Julie Bishop and Member for Eden-Monaro Peter Hendy, today announced a significant investment towards the duplication of the Barton Highway under a re-elected Turnbull Coalition Government.

“This \$50 million package will secure upgrades to the Barton Highway, focusing on the southern and central sections of the highway where traffic volumes and safety concerns are paramount,” Deputy Leader Julie Bishop said.

“We are focused on delivering a package which will provide a better Barton Highway in both the short and long term, delivering much needed upgrades which progress the staged duplication of the highway.

“As a major transport route for the region, especially the Yass Valley, this will also drive jobs and growth and is part of the Turnbull Coalition’s economic plan for Eden-Monaro.”

Member for Eden-Monaro, Peter Hendy, said the \$50 million Barton Highway Duplication Package would secure much-needed safety improvements in the short term and put the road on track for duplication.

“The next step in the staged duplication of the Barton Highway is to secure safety improvements and in particular overtaking lanes in the worst sections of the road, but done with one eye firmly on acquiring the ultimate duplication corridor,” Dr Hendy said.

“This plan will see a significant improvement in the safety and flow of traffic on the Barton Highway, and is the next step in the staged duplication of the Barton.”

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The scope of works under the \$50 million Barton Highway Duplication Package will include:

- \$45 million for overtaking lanes, focused on locations which acquire the ultimate duplication corridor and that are in the high traffic areas in the central and southern sections of the highway;
- \$1.75 million for a duplication business case, which will include recommended staging and costings for duplication of the highway, to be developed with support from the NSW Government; and
- \$3.25 million on safety upgrades, including ongoing pavement upgrades and intelligent transport systems to inform road users of changed traffic conditions.

“What this \$50 million duplication package will achieve is upgrades to bring much-needed improvement to the highway and relief for road users, whilst putting us back on track for duplication,” Dr Hendy said.

“We’re getting the highway duplication back on track following Labor’s mismanagement back in 2007. The then Labor Government and Mike Kelly actually cancelled the Howard Coalition Government commitment to duplicate the Barton Highway by 2020, and then spent the funding elsewhere.”

Only the Turnbull Coalition Team has a plan for a Strong New Economy, carefully structured to provide jobs and growth and a secure future for local families.

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