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## IMPROVED FREIGHT EFFICIENCY THROUGH KOLKILBERTOO ROAD

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Narrandera Shire Council has completed about 20 kilometres of road upgrades along Kolkilbertoo Road, increasing the road width from 5.4 metres to 7.5 metres along this important freight route.

Funding for this \$1.48 million project has been largely provided by the NSW Government through the Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads program, with additional funding provided by Narrandera and Bland Shire councils.

The upgraded southern section of Kolkilbertoo Road will now allow for the safe transit of heavy vehicles. Council has lodged an application with the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) to increase the speed limit for heavy vehicles to 100 kilometres per hour.

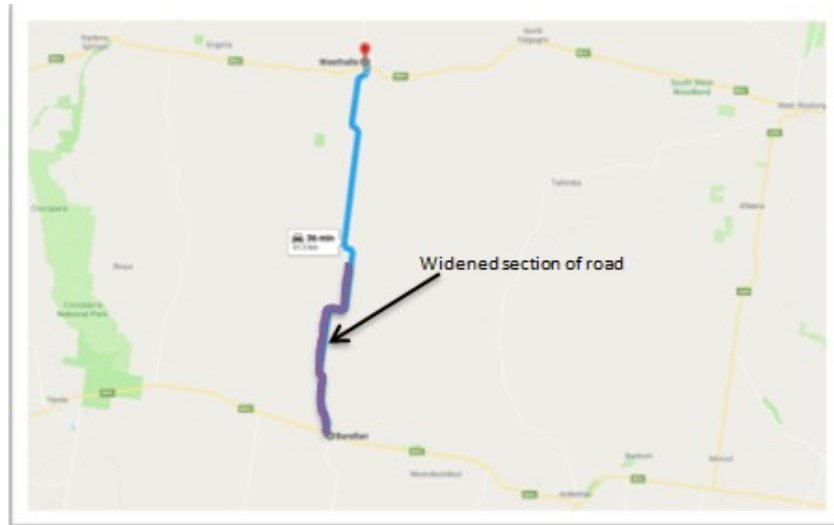
Following the closure of the branch railway line along Mid-Western Highway, there has been an increase in grain vehicle movements through Kolkilbertoo Road. The recent upgrade of the Grain Corp receivable point at Barellan has also created additional freight traffic along this route. This upgrade will greatly improve efficiency and safety for the high volume of heavy mass vehicles using this route.

Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke, said the NSW Government is proud to support this significant road upgrade. "The NSW Government is committed to improving vital roads to better connect local and regional roads to state highways and key freight hubs," Ms Cooke said.

"Freight is worth \$60 billion to the NSW economy and these works will improve safety, efficiency and productivity for both regional industry and the wider community, supporting economic growth in our regional heartland."

The NSW Government has reserved \$500 million under the Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads program over multiple funding rounds. Works for the Bland Shire Council component of works remain ongoing for this project.

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*Barellan Weethalee Road (Kolkilbertoo Road)*

## *Project Photographs:*



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