



REGIONAL ROADS AND ROAD TRANSPORT POLICY



WHAT WE BELIEVE

When it comes to investment in roads, regional NSW gets a raw deal. Many regional communities live with inadequate, degraded and unsafe roads in their communities. Successive NSW Governments have failed to plan for and invest in regional roads with motorists and the transport sector paying the price.

With inadequate regional public transport, it's all but essential to drive what can be vast distances and long periods of time. This brings with it the issue of fatigue and an increase risk of an accident. Where rest stops do exist, they are often in poor condition, lack basic amenities and are sporadically situated.

Further, with the increase in the popularity of caravans and motor homes, it is even more important that adequate facilities are provided to support regional tourism, particularly during peak holiday periods.

We fully support the NSW transport sector. The transport sector is critical to the economy of NSW with thousands of regional families supported by owner operator truck drivers who deserve to come home safely.

It is important that regional roads allow our truck drivers to operate safely and efficiently. Our truck drivers are held to extremely strict standards and regulations, but these standards are not always supported by adequate infrastructure to enable them to comply.

We will support greater investment in regional roads to ensure that adequate facilities are provided for motorists and the transport sector.



OUR ACTION PLAN

1. Get road projects started! We will advocate for an immediate review of regional road projects to identify and prioritise key projects such as bypasses, bridges and multi-lane upgrades.
2. Advocate for a greater share of road funding to be allocated to regional NSW.
3. We will call on Government to introduce a regulated maximum distance between rest stops on our major highways and roads that must include standardised amenities such as maintained toilets, lighting, sheltered tables and chairs and a dedicated parking area for trucks.
4. Oppose the re-establishment of the Road Safety Remuneration Tribunal to support owner operator truck drivers
5. Campaign the Government to allocate a portion of the Snowy Hydro sale funds to go towards sealing regional roads