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### **NSW GOVERNMENT SEALS THE DEAL BETWEEN BALRANALD AND IVANHOE**

The Wool Track will no longer be a dirt one, with the NSW Government providing nearly \$5 million to seal the road between Balranald and Ivanhoe.

Minister of Roads, Maritime and Freight Melinda Pavey joined Member for Murray Austin Evans to announce Balranald Shire Council will receive \$2.8 million and Central Darling Shire will receive \$1.9 million to complete the remaining 26km of unsealed road.

Mrs Pavey said sealing of the Wool Track is vital to provide all weather access between the two communities.

“The Wool Track is used by 4000 freight trucks every year, which is expected to increase with the construction of the Atlas-Campaspe mine north of Balranald,” Mrs Pavey said.

“Up to 7.2 million tonnes of mineral sands will be produced from the mine every year, so it is important that our state roads provide quality freight access, no matter the weather.

“Over 10,000 trucks will benefit from the sealed road, travelling 175 kilometres to carry mineral concentrate from the mine at Balranald to the rail facility at Ivanhoe.”

Member for Murray Austin Evans said the sealed road is a win on all fronts for both communities.

“The sealing works will generate more jobs for locals, on top of the 300 new jobs predicted through the new mine facility,” Mr Evans said.

“The sealed road will provide greater access and reduced travel times for locals.”

Sealing is expected to commence shortly, both councils responsible for the delivery of the works.

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