



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Major Flood Resilience Boost for Oxley Road**

Balranald Shire Council is proud to announce it has secured \$2,452,000 in funding under the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) Round 3 (2025–26) to improve the resilience of two flood-affected sections of MR514 Oxley Road.

With Council contributing \$613,000, the total project value is \$3,065,000, reinforcing Council's commitment to protecting critical infrastructure and maintaining safe, reliable road access across the Shire.

Mayor Councillor Louie Zaffina welcomed the funding outcome and acknowledged the strong advocacy behind the application.

"This is an outstanding result for our community. Oxley Road is a critical transport link for our residents, farmers and freight operators. Strengthening this corridor against future flood events will reduce closures, improve safety and support the economic stability of our region," Mayor Zaffina said.

The Mayor also recognised the leadership of Council's administration in securing the grant.

"I commend the infrastructure team for their diligent work in preparing a compelling submission. This funding reflects strategic planning and a clear understanding of the risks our community faces."

The Disaster Ready Fund is administered by the National Emergency Management Agency in partnership with the NSW Reconstruction Authority, supporting projects that proactively reduce disaster risk and build long-term resilience.

Works will commence following execution of the Funding Agreement and endorsement of the Implementation Plan by the Australian Government.

Council thanks both the Australian and NSW Governments for investing in infrastructure that safeguards communities and strengthens regional resilience.

**Terry Dodds PSM**

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