



Media Release

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Construction commences on Koo Wee Rup Bypass

Koo Wee Rup residents can look forward to faster travel times, reduced traffic congestion and a more peaceful town centre with the construction of the Koo Wee Rup Bypass.

Today I joined Victorian Parliamentary Secretary for Transport Gary Blackwood and State Member for Bass Ken Smith as they turned the first sod for construction of the \$66 million State Government-funded project.

The 3.4km road will bypass Koo Wee Rup to the west of the town linking Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Road at Manks Road and South Gippsland Highway

Koo Wee Rup is a thriving rural township and life for local residents will be significantly improved when the bypass opens in late 2015.

I have personally witnessed the impact of up to 90 trucks an hour passing through the centre of town and the detrimental effect it has on local residents.

As well as providing relief for local residents, the Koo Wee Rup Bypass will help to reduce gridlock during peak holiday periods.

It has been a pleasure to work closely with local residents over the past few years to highlight this issue and I am delighted that the community's hard work has finally paid off.

I particularly want to congratulate Ken Smith and the community for their success in this campaign.

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