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## ANOTHER GOONOO GOONOO ROAD UPGRADE NON-ANNOUNCEMENT

The NSW Government has dropped the ball on many proposed road upgrades within the Electorate of Tamworth according to Independent candidate for the Electorate of Tamworth Mark Rodda.

“The Government has had 8 years to plan and deliver roads funding for the Goonoo Goonoo road section of the New England Highway, Rangari Road, Port Stephens Cutting and even the Werris Creek Road but have only now they’ve been nominated as “on the radar” or works in progress as we approach the 2019 State election. It is quite disingenuous behaviour” Rodda said.

Just recently we saw the Government committing taxpayers’ funds to the Grain Valley Road between Mullaley and Boggabri which I applaud however the announcement is made less than four months from an election. The Government knew this road was an issue for residents in 2011 but made them wait almost 8 years and a few months from a crucial election which will see the Coalition struggle to hang onto power”, Rodda said.

“With polls showing a potential hung Parliament, Coalition candidates and MP’s need to detail how they intend to keep promises and deliver roads projects throughout their electorates if they are not likely to enjoy majority government after the next election or indeed be re-elected”.

“Our electorate needs a genuine community voice and advocate keeping Government ministers on their toes from the start of their parliamentary term, not at the end”.

As the Government approaches the period of caretaker government, voters will need to be cautious about any commitments made by Coalition MP’s and candidates. “It is disappointing that the city-centric Government can find billions for Sydney stadium knockdowns and rebuilds as well as an unnecessary Sydney Powerhouse Museum relocation costing taxpayers \$1 billion but can’t find money in a timely manner throughout their four year term to upgrade rural roads to benefit long suffering rural residents. It simply isn’t fair”, Rodda concluded.

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