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WISEMANS FERRY ROAD REOPENS AT CATTAI

An army of workers handling thousands of tonnes of soil, rock and asphalt have rebuilt Wisemans Ferry Road at Cattai after it was severely damaged by flooding.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP said around 125 crew members put in a combined 6000 man-hours over the past month to allow this key arterial route to reopen this evening.

“The unprecedented rainfall and flooding that has lashed Sydney this year has had severe impacts across the greater metropolitan area, but few roads have copped more damage than what we’ve seen along Wisemans Ferry Road at Cattai,” Ms Preston said.

“The road was swamped by a nine metre-high flood causing major damage to the road and drainage system, with washed-out embankments and collapsed pavement foundation.

“The road had to be rebuilt but the tight nature of the site meant crews had to go back and forth over the work area in a constant battle against rising groundwater.

“The work was complicated by further heavy rainfall, while local motorists had to contend with increased traffic congestion and an extensive detour due to the road closures.

“However, Wisemans Ferry Road is again safe and I would like to thank everyone – workers and the community – for their patience and persistence during this challenging time.”

A total of 970 metres of road was rebuilt, two undermined and damaged culverts were reinstated, 120 metres of guardrail was installed and 15 damaged signs were replaced.

The resources required for the repairs included:

- 8000 tonnes of soil removed and taken off site
- 5000 tonnes of sandstone rock imported to form bridging layer foundation
- 5000 square metres of geofabric laid
- 1800 square metres of rock material to help road stabilisation and prevent future damage during flood events
- 2500 tonnes of cement
- 2500 tonnes of asphalt

A range of heavy equipment was required including a 35 tonne excavator, a 25 tonne excavator and two 15 tonne excavators plus a grader and two rollers.

For high-resolution photos and timelapse footage of the repairs, [click here](#).

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