

February 2023

Dear Resident/Business Owner,

## Bogong High Plains Road landslip

We've taken over management of the Bogong High Plains Road landslip rectification works.

Following work by the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to remove a significant portion of the loose material on the major landslip between Mount Beauty and Falls Creek, Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) will ramp up works to complete the interim repair and long-term rectification process.

A team of experts are working to finalise the scope and timelines for the recovery effort – high summer rainfall and ongoing earth tremors coupled with moving debris present a huge engineering task.

Earlier this month we appointed Whelans Group Investments, a specialised civil contractor based in East Gippsland as our project delivery partner. We'll be on the ground working together with Whelans to ensure works move forward as quickly and as safely as possible.

Whelans have set up their site office within the Mt Beauty Community Centre, where they'll remain for the duration of the works.

### Background

There is a large active landslip on Bogong High Plains Road near Bogong Village. The landslip continues to move, with ongoing wet weather and earth tremors impacting its stability. For everyone's safety, Bogong High Plains Road remains closed between Mount Beauty and Falls Creek.

We estimate the landslip to be about 70 metres high and 100 metres wide. The loose debris and earth will need to be removed and the landslip stabilised before rectification works on Bogong High Plains Road can begin.

### What are we doing?

We'll be working up to seven days per week, weather permitting, to remove debris and stabilise the landslip site using specialised equipment including long reach excavators and innovative mining technology. DTP commenced removal of debris prior to us taking over the works – and we're working hard to remove the rest as quickly and safely as possible.

Initial assessments are nearing completion, and the results will inform how we plan our works so that we can safely restore access to Falls Creek via Bogong High Plains Road.

### Keeping you informed

We're committed to keeping you informed throughout works and will be working closely with a range of recovery agencies, local providers, tourism operators and Alpine Shire Council to understand how we can better assist impacted businesses and residents throughout the recovery program.

You'll receive regular written communication from us aimed at addressing your concerns, particularly around when Bogong High Plains Road will reopen to vehicles. We understand this is one of the key questions on everyone's mind.

We'll also host Community Information Events in **March 2023** in Mount Beauty and Falls Creek. Further details will be provided shortly.

While we work, we'll continue connecting with you via pop-up information sessions in local townships, offering the chance for you to speak to members of the project team directly. We'll let you know once dates and locations have been set. You can also **contact us 24/7** by calling **1800 105 105**.

We'll have a representative from MRPV stationed in the foyer of the Mount Beauty Community Centre located on Kiewa Crescent each Wednesday from **9am to 3pm** if you wish to speak to someone in person.

### **Detours - Access to Falls Creek**

For everyone's safety, Bogong High Plains Road remains closed between Mount Beauty and Falls Creek. Visitors wishing to access Falls Creek will need to do so from the south via the Omeo Highway in Shannonvale.

Motorists are advised to drive with caution as some sections of the road have been damaged in recent heavy rainfall. For the latest information on the conditions at Falls Creek Resort please visit the Falls Creek website, [www.fallscreek.com.au](http://www.fallscreek.com.au).

### **Emergency service access**

The Department of Transport and Planning are maintaining a 4WD track for emergency services, approved residents and essential services to provide access between Mount Beauty, Bogong Village and Falls Creek. Access to this track is limited and requires a pre-arranged permit. For more information, please contact us on 1800 105 105 and we'll connect you with the right people to consider your request.

### **Business Support**

Businesses in the Falls Creek area can access the Business Relief Service – a free, confidential, one-on-one phone call or in-person appointment with a local Business Relief Adviser. Advisers can help you connect with relevant support services, and with your next steps towards recovery.

If your business has been affected by the landslide, and you would like the support of a Business Relief Adviser, please call the Business Victoria hotline on **13 22 15**.

### **Subscribe for updates**

Sign up to receive email and SMS updates straight to your phone or inbox. Please visit [www.roadprojects.vic.gov.au/bogong-subscribe](http://www.roadprojects.vic.gov.au/bogong-subscribe)

Kind regards,

**The Bogong High Plains Road Recovery Team**  
**Major Road Projects Victoria**

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