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\$3 million and 35 jobs in Perisher roads and sewerage upgrade

The Deputy Premier and Minister for Climate Change and the Environment, Carmel Tebbutt, announced today that the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has completed a \$3 million upgrade of roads and the sewerage system at Perisher that will have a significant long-term benefit to the environment and the local tourism industry.

Ms Tebbutt said that the investment had generated 35 full-time jobs over summer.

“Almost \$2 million has been spent concrete sealing all the roads within the Smiggin Holes and Guthega Village,” Ms Tebbutt said.

“This will have major benefits for the local environment. The upgrade of gravel roads to concrete has considerably reduced the potential for run off to cause sedimentation in alpine streams.

“The NPWS has also ensured that the areas disturbed by these road construction works have been re-vegetated using local plant species. More than 4,000 grasses, shrubs and trees have been planted with follow up planting and maintenance work planned over the next few years.

“The sewerage system also needed some substantial maintenance work and the work had to be done before the snow arrived.

“The NPWS investigations revealed that it was time to replace sewer pipes in the Perisher Valley and Smiggin Holes and this has now been completed at a cost of almost \$1 million,” Ms Tebbutt said.

The Member for Monaro, Steve Whan, said the investment in local roads and sewers was good news for Perisher and the wider region.

“This is a very sensitive alpine environment so the efficient management of sewerage is a major issue,” Mr Whan said. “The investment in upgrading roads will also protect the environment and make it easier for tourists travelling during the winter months.”

NPWS Resorts Division Manager, Andrew Harrigan, said that the NPWS engaged a Sydney company which employed regional contractors for much of the work.

“Almost half a kilometre of pipe was rehabilitated using a trench-less pipe bursting technique where the old pipe is pressurised and expanded to the point where a brand new pipe can be inserted into the old,” Mr Harrigan said.

“In this way we end up with a new pipe with some additional protection from the old pipe. It also means we don’t have to dig up the old pipes creating disturbance and the potential for sediment to run off into alpine streams.



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“A further 310 metres of new sewer pipe has been installed to replace old pipe and 35 metres of new sewer pipes were installed using directional drilling underneath sensitive alpine bogs.

“In addition we have inspected nine kilometres of sewer pipes in Perisher and Guthega Village using a special camera and constructed or refurbished 22 manholes to reduce leakage.

“All this work was done over the summer months and despite 50cm of snow in April workers continued in order to get the work done before the ski season,” Mr Harrigan said.

