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Warning, large machinery travelling our roads

Drivers on roads in the north of the state are being warned that large construction machinery including cranes, earthmoving trucks and excavators are sharing local roads throughout the irrigation regions.

Contractors working on the Northern Victoria Irrigation Renewal Project (NVIRP) are currently completing the 2009 Winter Works in time for the start of the next irrigation season in August.

NVIRP's Executive Manager Capital Works, Garry Seaborne said large construction machinery is moving from worksite to worksite and we need to remind all drivers on our country roads to be aware and take particular care when driving in the region.

"At the moment we have over 300 work sites throughout the Goulburn Murray Irrigation District (GMID) and these contractor's trucks and excavators are moving from worksite to worksite often on unmade, narrow country roads, so we ask that drivers remain vigilant at all times and drive defensively.

"Lately, some mornings have been foggy so I ask that drivers not be impatient and take extra care when approaching construction vehicles," Mr Seaborne said.

NVIRP's 2009 Winter Works has included installing over 1000 channel regulator gates as a major component of Stage 1 of the \$2 billion irrigation renewal project being undertaken in the GMID.

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