PLANNING STARTS TO REPLACE BARRINGTON BRIDGE NEAR GLOUCESTER

George Souris, MP, Member for Upper Hunter has announced that the NSW Government has started planning the future replacement of Barrington Bridge on Thunderbolts Way, near Gloucester.

Mr. Souris said Barrington Bridge is located on Thunderbolts Way, which is an important freight link between the Mid North Coast and the New England Tablelands serving the tourism, livestock and timber industries.

“Barrington Bridge is one of 22 bridges identified for replacement in the Roads and Maritime Timber Truss Bridge Conservation Strategy developed in consultation with the Heritage Council of NSW,” Mr. Souris said.

“Barrington Bridge was identified for replacement in the strategy following community and stakeholder feedback in 2011.

“Replacement of the bridge aims to improve safety and accessibility and reduce the ongoing maintenance costs associated with older timber structures.

“The NSW Government is in the early stages of planning and different options are being investigated to deliver the work with the least inconvenience to residents, stakeholders and the community.

“Detailed surveys have recently been carried out with planned upcoming activities to include a review of environmental factors, technical investigations and concept designs,” Mr. Souris concluded.

The NSW Government will consult with the community about the proposed bridge replacement program later this year.

Mr. Souris thanks the community for their patience while planning work is carried out.

For more information on the Barrington Bridge replacement project and other improvement work under way in the Hunter Region visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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