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HAVE YOUR SAY ON PROPOSED NEW BRIDGE AT LANSDOWNE

Member for Goulburn Pru Goward is encouraging the local community to provide feedback on plans to remove and replace the existing Lansdowne Bridge.

“The cost of keeping this bridge in good condition is rising, and recent inspections have identified a number of reasons why the bridge should be upgraded,” Ms Goward said.

“Stakeholders have called for a new bridge to be built.

“The existing single lane bridge was designed for lighter loads than those carried by modern heavy trucks.

“Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has developed a plan to build a new bridge at Lansdowne and in consultation with the NSW Heritage Council retain a similar heritage structure at Barham.

“A new Lansdowne Bridge would provide improved road safety, wider traffic lanes, cycle facilities, upgraded road approaches and a Higher Mass Limit vehicle capacity,” Ms Goward said.

The proposed work includes:
- Replacing the existing single truss span and timber approach spans with a concrete bridge structure
- Building the new bridge on the same route of the existing bridge which would have a road width of 12 metres
- Upgrading road approaches to the new bridge and improving the Bungonia Road and Forbes Street intersection.

Lansdowne Bridge is part of the revised statewide timber truss bridge strategy.

For more information on the proposed new bridge visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

“Feedback received will be considered before the new bridge design is finalised and the environmental assessment completed,” Ms Goward said.

Comments can be submitted by phone (02) 4221 2506, by post to PO Box 477 Wollongong NSW 2520 or by email SouthernProjects@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Comments should be submitted before 31 January 2013.

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