TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF SPEEEWA VEHICLE FERRY FOR SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

Roads and Maritime Services advises road users and ferry customers changed arrangements will be in place during a maintenance overhaul of the Speewa vehicle ferry from Tuesday 11 November, John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling said.

Mr Williams said the vehicle ferry would be removed from the Murray River for a scheduled maintenance service for four weeks, weather permitting with motorists to be detoured which will add additional travel time.

“While the three yearly maintenance is being carried out on the ferry from next month, motorists will need to detour via Swan Hill or Nyah, which could add up to 30 minutes to a journey,” Mr Williams said.

The Speewa Ferry is a cable ferry which allows motorists to cross the Murray River between Swan Hill in NSW and Speewa in Victoria at no charge.

The NSW Government has provided $320,000 to carry out the improvements.

The ferry is operated by Roads and Maritime and jointly funded by both states. It operates seven days a week and carries a maximum of three cars at a time.

Mr Williams said the ferry maintenance would be carried out on the southern approach on the Victorian side of the Murray River.

“This maintenance work will ensure the ferry continues to provide motorists and ferry users with a safe and reliable service,” Mr Williams said.

Work on the ferry will be carried out off site on weekdays from 7am to 4pm and on Saturdays from 7am to 3pm.

Motorists should allow extra travel time, follow reduced speed limits and all signs.

Roads and Maritime thanks the community for their patience during the ferry maintenance, which is due for completion on 8 December, weather permitting.

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