PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY FOR THE ILLAWARRA GARETH WARD HAS TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT EARLY WORK WILL START ON THE MOUNT OUSLEY HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE NEW SOUTH WALES AND COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALLOCATED AROUND $8.1 MILLION TO UPGRADE THE NORTHBOUND HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA WHICH AIDS HELP MOTORISTS MANAGE FATIGUE.

THE REST AREA, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF THE M1 PRINCES MOTORWAY AND CLIVE BISSELL DRIVE, WILL BE UPGRADED TO INCLUDE NEW FACILITIES, PARKING AND SAFER ACCESS FOR HEAVY VEHICLES.

"AS WELL AS PROVIDING 10 PARKING SPACES FOR HEAVY VEHICLES, THE AREA WILL ALSO INCLUDE NEW TOILETS, RUBBISH BINS AND UNDERCOVER PICNIC TABLES," MR WARD SAID.

"EARLY WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN 7AM AND 5PM FROM MONDAY 30 MAY AND INCLUDE SITE PREPARATION AND VEGETATION CLEARING AHEAD OF MAJOR WORK." 

"A TEMPORARY NORTHBOUND HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA WILL BE OPEN FROM FRIDAY 27TH MAY AT THE FORMER TOLL GATE SITE AT WATERFALL UNTIL WORK IS COMPLETED ON THE NEW FACILITY AT MOUNT OUSLEY," HE SAID.

WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON THE M1 NEAR WATERFALL ON THURSDAY 26TH MAY BETWEEN 9AM AND 3PM TO PLACE SIGNS ADVISING OF THE TEMPORARY REST AREA.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF THE M1 PRINCES MOTORWAY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THIS TIME.

THERE ARE ALSO TWO PERMANENT HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREAS ON PICTON ROAD.

MR WARD SAID THAT TENDERS TO CARRY OUT THE MAJOR UPGRADE OPENED ON 16 MAY AND WILL CLOSE ON 20 JUNE.

"ONCE A TENDER IS ANNOUNCED, MAJOR WORK ON THE REST AREA WILL START IN EARLY AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-2017," HE CONCLUDED.

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