WORK STARTS TO UPGRADE HEAVY VEHICLE REST AREA ON THE STURT HIGHWAY

Member for Murray-Darling John Williams has announced the start of work on the Mallee Fowl heavy vehicle rest area upgrade on the Sturt Highway.

"The $716,000 project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program," Mr Williams said.

"Improving these rest areas means motorists, in particular heavy vehicle operators, will have somewhere safe and comfortable to stop, and encourages them to take regular breaks while driving long distances.

“The work involves widening the road and adding a lane to improve the entry and exit for the rest area. The project also includes kerb realignment, vegetation removal, median adjustments, guardrail installation and repair of the existing shelter.”

The Mallee Fowl rest area will be closed from Monday 24 October and is expected to reopen on 25 November, with some minor work continuing until December, weather permitting.

A 60 km/h speed limit will apply on the Sturt Highway in the area where the work is being carried out.

The next rest area for motorists travelling west is Trentham, 28 kilometres from Mallee Fowl. Motorists travelling east can stop at Mail Route rest area, 14 kilometres from Mallee Fowl.