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PLANNING FOR BURRILL LAKE BRIDGE

Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock today announced Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will investigate the future of the bridge over Burrill Lake on the Princes Highway south of Ulladulla.

"The bridge will require significant maintenance or complete replacement within the next five to 10 years," Mrs Hancock said.

"There is some deterioration of the bridge supports which if left untreated, will cause it to become unsafe in the long term," she said.

"RMS carries out regular inspections to ensure the bridge remains safe for traffic and has done some preliminary work on possible future options from engineering and cost perspectives.

"Technical investigations include surveying the existing bridge and highway, drilling to obtain ground information and examining local plants and animals.

"These investigations and a number of options will be considered in deciding the future of the bridge.

"RMS is also working with Shoalhaven City Council on flood and hydraulic data models for Burrill Lake.

"RMS is seeking feedback from the community about the bridge and its surrounds with community and stakeholder to then be considered as RMS develops a preferred option for the bridge’s future.

"The project team will be available to discuss the project in more detail at upcoming information sessions.

"Drop in sessions will be held at the Ulladulla Civic Centre building on 22 May from 4pm to 8pm and 2 June from 10am to 1pm.

"Burrill Lake Bridge on the Princes Highway was built in 1958 and is used by an average of 6,100 vehicles a day and carries up to 11,320 vehicles a day at peak times.

"RMS is carrying out these investigations and consultations to secure the long-term future of this important highway link" Mrs Hancock said.

More information is available by visiting www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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