WORK STARTS TO UPGRADE STURT HIGHWAY REST AREA

John Williams The Nationals Member for Murray-Darling today announced Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is starting work to upgrade the Meilman rest area on the Sturt Highway.

"The $700,000 project is part of the NSW and Federal government funded $70 million Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program," Mr Williams said.

"Improving these rest areas provides motorists, including heavy vehicle drivers with somewhere safe and comfortable to stop and encourages them to take regular breaks while driving long distances.

"The work involves installing a left turn lane to improve road safety, drainage work, widening the rest area and providing shelter and new signs.

"The rest area will also be upgraded as a fruit fly inspection station in a joint collaboration with Department of Primary Industries.

"The Meilman rest area will be closed from Monday 28 May and is expected to reopen by the end of June 2012, weather permitting," Mr Williams said.

Reduced speed limits will apply on the Sturt Highway in the area where work is being carried out and traffic lights will guide motorists through the worksite.

For more information on traffic conditions contact the Transport Management Centre on 132 701 or visit www.livetraffic.com.

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