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$1 MILLION FOR SHOALHAVEN BRIDGE STUDY

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward, Member for South Coast Shelley Hancock and Shoalhaven Mayor Paul Green MLC today announced $1 million for a study to find the best possible location for a replacement of the southbound Shoalhaven River Bridge.

Regional leaders, including the Shoalhaven Business Chamber have been active in lobbying Mr Ward, Mrs Hancock and Shoalhaven City Council in order to secure a pathway for this project which will unlock development potential on the Shoalhaven River front.

"I am ecstatic with this news which will pave the way for a replacement of the ageing southbound Shoalhaven River Bridge and unlock the enormous potential of the bridge precinct and river front," Mr Ward said.

"Shelley, Paul and I believe that the Shoalhaven River is one of our City's most underutilised assets and that is why we've been fighting to secure these funds to start this important project.

Member for South Coast, Shelley Hancock said she was elated that all the hard work and effort has paid off.

"The Shoalhaven River is the gateway to the South Coast and these funds are vital to making the right decision about the best possible location of the replacement bridge.

"Gareth, Paul and I understand the enormous potential this vital step plays in delivering not only an important planning decision but also vital roads infrastructure for our region to grow and develop," Mrs Hancock said.

"I have coordinated many meetings with the Department and the Minister in order to secure this announcement today."
Shoalhaven City Mayor Paul Green welcomed the news

"Promoting life and vitality on the waterfront has been a long held ambition for our City. This announcement is a wonderful step toward ensuring we can realise the real potential of our beautiful Shoalhaven River and bridge precinct.

"By securing these funds, we can finally decide where this important local infrastructure will go and plan for the future of our waterfront.

"I have worked hard to raise this issue in partnership with our local Members of Parliament. By working together, we can ensure we deliver for the Shoalhaven on important local issues that deliver real progress for our region.

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