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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON REST AREA UPGRADE AT SOUTH NOWRA

Member for South Coast today said Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is investigating a possible upgrade of the existing Rotary Park rest area on the Princes Highway at South Nowra.

"A northbound heavy vehicle rest area needs to be provided on the Princes Highway to be compliant with RMS’ strategy for major heavy vehicle rest areas on key rural freight routes in NSW," Mrs Hancock said.

"RMS has previously investigated building either a new heavy vehicle rest area at Meroo Meadow as part of the proposed Princes Highway upgrade between Berry and Bomaderry or upgrading the existing rest area at Bewong.

"The preferred option is to upgrade Rotary Park at South Nowra and RMS is seeking feedback from the local community on this option.

"RMS is carrying out investigation work such as survey, preliminary environmental assessments and is preparing a concept design proposal.

"The proposed upgrade would include parking for a maximum of eight heavy vehicles up to 19 metres long and improvements to amenities. Access from Flinders Road would also be upgraded including an improved road surface and line marking.

"The retention of as many trees and as much green space as possible is also a key part of the proposal," she said.

RMS has been working with Shoalhaven City Council to develop a suitable draft concept design for the proposed upgrade and the community is now encouraged to provide feedback until 26 October.

A plan of the proposal is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au

Feedback and comments can be submitted to SouthernProjects@rms.nsw.gov.au, by phone on 4221 2438 or by post to PO Box 477 Wollongong NSW 2520.

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