Dear resident

Re: Princes Highway, Berry to Bomaderry upgrade - heavy vehicle rest area and part-time heavy vehicle inspection bay no longer proposed near Meroo Meadow.

In response to feedback from the community and further investigations, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) no longer proposes to build a combined northbound heavy vehicle rest area and part-time heavy vehicle inspection bay at Meroo Meadow, as part of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade.

RMS’ preferred option is now to:
- Further investigate upgrading the existing light vehicle rest area at Rotary Park on the Princes Highway, South Nowra to a heavy vehicle rest area.
- Move the part-time heavy vehicle inspection bay to an alternative location near Jaspers Brush (still within the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade).

The part-time heavy vehicle inspection bay will be included in the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback when the concept design and REF are displayed for comment in mid 2013.

Preliminary investigations indicate that upgrading the Rotary Park facility to accommodate heavy vehicles is feasible. RMS is continuing to work closely with Shoalhaven City Council and plans to carry out further investigations to better determine the feasibility of Rotary Park as a heavy vehicle rest area facility. If the upgrade of Rotary Park is not considered feasible, RMS will investigate alternative sites in consultation with Shoalhaven City Council and key stakeholders. RMS will keep the community informed as this project progresses.

Heavy vehicle rest areas are needed around every 100 kilometres along the Princes Highway so that heavy vehicle drivers have safe places to rest and check their loads. This strategy is outlined in *Major Heavy Vehicle Rest Areas on Key Rural Freight Routes in NSW* (January 2010). Please visit the project website for a link to this document.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the project information line on 1800 506 976 (free call) or email berrytobomaderryupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au. You are also invited to visit the project office located at Broughton Court, shop 3/113 Queen Street, Berry. The project office is open on Fridays from 10am to 5pm.

Yours faithfully,

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