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Better heavy vehicle rest areas in the south of WA

Driver safety in Western Australia will be improved with the upgrade of two heavy vehicle rest areas and a parking bay as part of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Programme.

Two of the sites will receive funding originally earmarked for a new heavy vehicle rest area on the Eyre Highway between Eucla and the SA border.

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Jamie Briggs said there had been community concern about the planned roadside rest area near Eucla, as it was close to town and to existing roadhouse facilities.

“We have responded to community concerns and that particular rest area will no longer be built,” Mr Briggs said.

“We have worked with the Western Australian Government to reallocate funding originally earmarked for the Eucla site to two other projects.

“A heavy vehicle parking bay on ANZAC Drive near its intersection with the Great Eastern Highway at Kalgoorlie West can now be upgraded.

“As a popular facility for heavy vehicles accessing Kalgoorlie West’s freight terminal and industrial estate, the parking bay will be extended and sealed to accommodate at least two road trains.”

Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson said the scope of a rest area installation project along the Goldfields Highway near Lake Raeside can now also be broadened with the reallocated funding.

“This funding will improve access for heavy vehicles turning in and out of the new rest area, helping to avoid conflict between light and heavy vehicles accessing the site,” Mr Wilson said.

“A third roadside rest area further down the Eyre Highway from Eucla, will also be upgraded.

“Roadside rest areas for heavy vehicles are an important road safety measure known to reduce fatigue-related crashes.”

All three sites are expected to be in full use by July 2014.

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