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NEW THARWA BRIDGE TO BE BUILT

The Stanhope Government today committed \$9.5 million of the 2007-08 Budget to build the new Tharwa Bridge.

Minister for Territory and Municipal Services John Hargreaves said he hoped the funding would see a new bridge delivered by the end of 2008.

"The bridge will be single-lane, with a bike and pedestrian lane and will be built over the Murrumbidgee River at Tharwa.

"Preliminary planning works for the bridge have already been completed. Funding of \$500,000 was provided in 2006-07 for this purpose.

Residents of Tharwa have been involved in the preliminary planning works, providing advice through a community consultation process. The ACT Government appreciated their input and has listened to their advice.

"This \$9.5 million investment will enable an immediate start on the detailed design work necessary for completion of the bridge," Mr Hargreaves said.

"Tharwa is a valued part of the ACT community. The new Tharwa Bridge will provide safer access for Tharwa residents and also for essential services such as fire and ambulance.

Construction of the new bridge will start early next financial year.

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