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Stage one park upgrade works unwrapped in time for summer

Today's official opening of Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park's new Seaview cabin area and stage one power upgrade, by State Member for South Barwon Michael Crutchfield, marks the completion of a major upgrade in the park's southern half in time for the busy summer season.

"The Great Ocean Road Coast Committee is to be congratulated for its hard work over the winter months to deliver \$1.7 million of park improvements," Mr Crutchfield said.

"These include a major infrastructure upgrade across half the park - which will provide safer, more reliable power and water services for the thousands of campers who visit the park each year - and the installation of five new beachfront cabins to boost onsite accommodation options.

"The Brumby Labor Government has contributed \$750,000 towards the park upgrade as part of fulfilling our commitment to strengthening tourism in rural and regional Victoria, including here on the Surf Coast.

"It is therefore my very great pleasure to cut the ribbon and declare these latest improvements to Torquay Foreshore Caravan Park officially open for campers to enjoy," Mr Crutchfield said.

Committee Chair John Carlile expressed the committee's gratitude to the State Government for its funding support and said that the official opening represented a significant achievement for the Great Ocean Road Coast Committee.

"This has been a major project for the committee and we're delighted that it has been delivered on time and within budget by our staff and local contractors," explained Mr Carlile.

"Over the next 10 years, we plan to spend a further \$8 million to completely upgrade the Torquay and Lorne caravan parks. Today marks an important step towards realising these plans.

"This year the committee spent \$1 million of its funds on improving onsite accommodation, through the purchase of these five new cabins, and upgrading power and water supply services in the park's southern section.

"We look forward to moving ahead on plans to upgrade power and water services in the rest of the park in 2012," Mr Carlile said.

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The completed infrastructure upgrade works cover some 300 camp sites, four amenity blocks and cabin neighbourhoods.

The five new Seaview cabins will be occupied for the first time over the four-day Melbourne Cup weekend and provide holiday makers with comfortable, functional onsite accommodation.

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