

CONTRACT AWARDED TO PROGRESS SINGLETON BYPASS ROUTE OPTIONS

George Souris, MP, Member for Upper Hunter announced the future New England Highway bypass at Singleton is progressing with the contract awarded to AECOM Australia Pty Ltd to carry out a route options assessment and identify a preferred bypass corridor.

Mr. Souris said planning for the Singleton Bypass forms part of a \$392 million investment to plan and build road projects to improve capacity and connectivity in the Hunter region.

“The route options assessment includes detailed investigations into traffic, environmental and flooding impacts, further strategic design and community consultation,” Mr. Souris said.

“The work builds on the early feasibility study completed in 2013 and may include corridors not previously investigated to date to help identify a preferred route.

The New England Highway forms part of the National Land Transport Network and is a major freight and commuter route forming part of the Sydney-Brisbane corridor.

Mr. Souris said the Singleton Bypass is expected to improve traffic flow for the 26,000 vehicles travelling on the highway through town each day.

“Selection of a preferred option aims to reduce congestion and traffic levels on the existing highway through the Singleton town centre by around 30 per cent which is expected to also improve safety and amenity through the town.”

Roads and Maritime will continue to work with the community and stakeholders throughout the planning process.

Roads and Maritime expects to display the preferred option for the corridor for community and stakeholder feedback mid next year.

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