

Proposed Picton bypass

Project update

Roads and Maritime Services | December 2018



Image of Argyle Street and Menangle Street intersection, Picton

The NSW Government is investing in planning for a bypass of Picton. Roads and Maritime Services is carrying out initial investigations for a bypass.

What did the community say about the Picton area?

We asked the community to provide information about their experiences travelling around the Picton area via an online mapping tool.

We thank all who took the time to submit comments. You can still view the comments via the link on our project webpage.

This information will be considered as we prepare potential options for a bypass of Picton.

For more information please see the consultation report available on the project webpage rms.nsw.gov.au/pictonbypass.

Top six issues raised in feedback from the community were:



Victoria Bridge and Prince Street
congestion, safety, heavy vehicles



Support and suggestions
for a bypass of Picton



Protecting
the local environment and heritage



Concerns about road safety



Congestion travelling
around the Picton area



Heavy vehicles travelling through the Picton area



Image of Argyle Street, Picton

Traffic

Traffic data was collected for two weeks in August 2018. This data indicates that on an average weekday:

- Around 15,880 vehicles travel through Picton town centre just south of Menangle Street, which includes seven per cent heavy vehicles
- Around 7,690 vehicles travel on Prince Street across Victoria Bridge, which includes three per cent heavy vehicles
- Around 20,810 vehicles travel on Remembrance Driveway just south of Prince Street, which includes nine per cent heavy vehicles.

Environment and heritage

Initial reviews of the area have identified potential environmental issues and opportunities which will require further investigation as the project progresses. These include:

- Potential opportunity to reduce congestion in town by bypassing Picton
- Identification of numerous Aboriginal sites in the area
- Potential impacts to threatened ecological communities, threatened flora and fauna, and fauna habitats including potential koala habitat
- Identification of non-Aboriginal heritage items of local and state heritage significance. This includes Victoria Bridge which has State heritage significance.
- Potential impacts to waterways and gorges including the Nepean and Bargo rivers.

Next steps

- Now that traffic data has been collected we can begin to carry out more detailed traffic analysis
- This will include building a traffic model of the current road network and using it to help assess options for a proposed bypass
- We expect to consult the community on potential options by mid-2019.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact our project team:



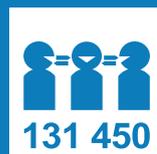
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