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LAST CHANCE TO HAVE A SAY ON M1 UPGRADE BETWEEN KARIONG AND SOMERSBY

Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein is reminding the community to have a say on the review of environmental factors (REF) for the M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges.

Mr Holstein said $1.6 million was provided this year for planning to improve safety, traffic flow and travel times for motorists.

This upgrade is part of the $400 million M1 Pacific Motorway productivity package jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments, with the Australian Government contribution capped at $195.8 million.

“The proposed upgrade involves widening an eight kilometre section of motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges to provide three lanes in each direction, except for a short southbound section at Kariong and improvements to three of the four ramps at the Kariong interchange,” Mr Holstein said.

“The community is invited to provide feedback on the proposed upgrade by Friday 27 February 2015.

“The REF which assessed and identified activities to reduce potential environmental and social impacts found the proposal would not significantly affect the environment or the community with the application of a range of mitigation activities.

“Investigations considered factors including proposed building activities, visual and noise impacts, biodiversity and waste management.

“Feedback is invited to Roads and Maritime Services by email Central.Coast.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au or mail to PO Box 766, Woy Woy NSW 2256 by the 27th February.

“Feedback will be used to finalise the concept design and REF for the project,” Mr Holstein said.

To view the REF online, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au or view a hard copy at the Gosford Service NSW Centre, corner of Henry Parry Drive and William Street at Gosford.

Subject to planning approval the project is planned for completion by 2019. Roads and Maritime will continue to keep the community informed as planning progresses.

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