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HAVE YOUR SAY ON CONCEPT DESIGN FOR PROPOSED SCONE BYPASS AND STRATEGIC OPTIONS FOR TOWN CENTRE RAIL BRIDGE

Michael Johnsen MP, Member for Hunter today invited members of the Scone community to provide feedback on the concept design and environmental assessment for the proposed New England Highway bypass and the strategic options for a town centre rail bridge.

Mr Johnsen said the community could have a say on the Australian and NSW government funded bypass and town centre rail bridge which aims to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for road users.

“Roads and Maritime Services has carried out an environmental assessment for the proposed bypass to assess the potential environmental and social impacts of the proposal and identify activities to manage and mitigate them,” Mr Johnsen said.

“The investigations found the bypass would not significantly impact the environment if appropriate measures were in place.

“Strategic options have been developed for a town centre rail bridge proposed at one of three locations, Kelly, St Aubins or Sherwood streets.”

People can attend drop-in sessions on Thursday 21 January between 3pm and 7pm, Thursday 4 February between 3pm and 7pm and Friday 5 February between 10am and 2pm at the Scone Motor Inn to speak with the project team.

“The environmental assessment and project update will be available from Tuesday 15 December to view or download at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects,” Mr Johnsen said.

“The environmental assessment for the bypass can be seen weekdays from 9am to 4pm at Upper Hunter Shire Council. Copies of the project update detailing the concept design for the bypass and the strategic options for the town centre rail bridge are also available.

“Feedback is invited by 19 February 2016 and will be considered when finalising the concept design and environmental assessment.

“Our local community and stakeholders will be kept informed during the planning process to help identify issues and minimise potential impacts of the proposed bypass and town centre rail bridge.”

More information is also available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au.

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