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**HAVE YOUR SAY: LISMORE-BANGALOW ROAD DRAFT CORRIDOR STRATEGY**

Nationals Member for Lismore Thomas George today announced the release of the Lismore-Bangalow Road Draft Corridor Strategy for public consultation.

“The Lismore-Bangalow Road corridor is a crucial connection between the major centre of Lismore, the village of Bangalow and urban areas along the north coast near Byron Bay,” Mr George said.

“We recognise how important this road is to the local community and the thousands of workers who use it every day so we want to ensure that road safety is improved and that traffic growth is effectively managed.

“I also want to take this opportunity to welcome feedback from north coast communities on whether the improvements identified address the issues along this important link between Lismore and the Byron Bay coastal area” Mr George said.

Extensive analysis and internal stakeholder consultation across Transport for NSW and Roads and Maritime Services have identified short term priorities including:

- The development and construction of two overtaking lanes to improve travel times
- Minor road realignments to improve safety particularly around Binna Burra and Springvale Hill
- Providing a safer road environment by widening road shoulder widths, providing an appropriate clear zone for errant vehicles and reviewing speed zones.
- Continuing to work with Byron Shire and Lismore City Councils to cater for the travel needs of all road users, retain high value local amenity in villages such as Clunes and Bexhill, and address efficiency and congestion issues in the highly trafficked urban areas including Lismore.

“Improving traffic and safety performance of this road corridor is our priority and we’ve taken on board feedback from the Local Councils about traffic growth and road safety concerns within Lismore, the need to provide overtaking opportunities and better road alignment,” Mr George said.

The draft strategy is ready for release for a four week exhibition period where it will be open to public consultation to ensure that improvements within the strategy meet customers’ current and future needs.

To provide feedback or comments, email lismoretobangalow@rms.nsw.gov.au, call 6640 1300 or write to Lismore to Bangalow Road Corridor Strategy, Roads and Maritime Services, PO Box 546, Grafton NSW 2460.


Submissions close Monday 30 May 2016.


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