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FOXGROUND AND BERRY BYPASS OPTIONS REVIEW CONTINUES

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward today said a recently established community review group is continuing to work with the RTA to further develop design options for the Foxground and Berry bypass of the Princes Highway.

“The community review group is listening to feedback from representatives of Berry on how design options within the study area would impact property, business and lifestyle,” Mr Ward said.

The latest information outlining progress is available to residents on the project website, and letters have been distributed to local residents.

“A public meeting will be held inviting comments from the community on the options considered by the group. This meeting will soon be advertised and residents will be encouraged to consider the information provided,” he said.

Mr Ward said there had also been progress with the environmental assessment for the Foxground and Berry bypass, which is currently being prepared.

“Consultants have carried out archeological testing along the bypass route,” he said.

“A total of 19 potential archaeologically sensitive areas were selected for testing across the project study area.

“The findings are being considered for the environmental assessment,” Mr Ward said.

“In addition, discussions have been held between the project team and representatives of Berry Landcare and the Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority on ways to reduce the highway upgrade’s potential affect on wildlife corridors,” he said.

“When completed the Princes Highway Foxground and Berry bypass will provide two lanes in both directions between Toolijooa Road and Schofields Lane providing improved traffic flow and safety for all road users,” Mr Ward said.

To find out more about the project, visit the Berry project office on Fridays (shop 3/113 Broughton Court, Berry), call the project line on 1800 506 976, visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au or email foxgroundandberrybypass@rta.nsw.gov.au.