Executive Summary

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This Community Consultation Summary provides an overview of the consultation carried out by Roads and Maritime on the strategic design of the proposed Warnervale Link Road between November 2017 and February 2018. It also summarises all feedback received and provides responses to all issues raised by the community and stakeholders.

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- comments on design
- traffic management (access, congestion and safety)
- property impact (access, future property values, acquisition and compensation)
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Roads and Maritime is continuing with planning and design of the Warnervale Link Road including the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Britannia Drive. Feedback received through this consultation is being considered to develop the concept design, which is expected to be displayed for community feedback in late 2018.

Additionally, Roads and Maritime will carry out further traffic and transport assessments in 2018/19 as part of the concept design process to fully consider the existing and predicted traffic volumes and movements in the project area. Any potentially impacted property owners will also be contacted by Roads and Maritime to discuss their individual circumstances once corridor impacts are known.

**Next steps**

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While Roads and Maritime is investigating the full alignment for a future upgrade, it is proposed to only progress Stage 2 to detailed design and environmental assessment stage.

The environmental assessment for Stage 2 is expected to be displayed for community feedback in early 2019.
Introduction
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In November 2017, Roads and Maritime announced the strategic design for the Warnervale Link Road. During the consultation period, feedback was sought on the design to better understand community issues and minimise the potential impacts. The consultation period ran until 14 February 2018.

Background
The Warnervale Link Road would be a 2.3-kilometre two lane road linking the Pacific Highway and Britannia Drive at Watanobbi to Albert Warner Drive at Warnervale to improve traffic flow and connectivity. The proposal also includes upgrading the Pacific Highway to two lanes in each direction between Cutler Drive at Wyong and Amy Close at North Wyong.

The proposal is investigating:

- a new 2.3-kilometre two lane road between Pacific Highway, Wyong and Albert Warner Drive, Warnervale including a bridge across Porters Creek Wetland, with ultimate provision for four lanes
- widening the Pacific Highway to two lanes in each direction from Cutler Drive to Amy Close
- upgrade of the Britannia Drive intersection to traffic signals. This includes replacement of the bridge across the railway with a longer, wider and higher bridge
- a new shared pedestrian and cycle path on the western side of the Pacific Highway and Warnervale Link Road extending from Cutler Drive to Lakes Anglican Grammar, including connections to Amy Close.

Project benefits
Key immediate benefits of the project include:

- supporting growth and productivity in Warnervale, Wyong and surrounding suburbs
- creating jobs and other development opportunities for the local community.

The long-term benefits of the entire project would include:

- directly link the residential growth area of Warnervale to the administrative and commercial precincts of Wyong and Tuggerah
- improved access to public transport and encourages active transport by providing appropriate facilities for walking and cycling
- provides a new road catering for local trips to reduce congestion and delays on the M1 Pacific Motorway for long distance traffic and freight
- supports the efficient operation and management during planned and emergency closures of the M1 Pacific Motorway.
Project milestones
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Stage 2 is an extension of earlier work completed by Central Coast Council in 2010 by a further 950 metres from Lakes Grammar Anglican School (see Figure 1).

The environmental assessment for Stage 2 is expected to be displayed for community feedback in early 2019.
Design

Figure 1 - Warnervale Link Road – strategic design
Consultation approach

Consultation objectives
The Warnervale Link Road strategic design was displayed for community comment from November 2017 to February 2018. The purpose of the community consultation was to:

• inform community members and stakeholders about the strategic design of the Warnervale Link Road and the planning process.
• seek comments, feedback, ideas and suggestions on the project from community members and stakeholders
• continue to build a database and knowledge of community members and stakeholders for Roads and Maritime to engage with through the development and delivery of the Warnervale Link Road.

Values
The following values underpin our decisions and behaviours when working with customers, colleagues, stakeholders and partners:

Customer focus - we place the customer at the centre of everything we do
Collaboration - we value each other and create better outcomes by working together
Solutions - we deliver sustainable and innovative solutions to NSW’s transport needs
Integrity - we take responsibility and communicate openly
Safety - we prioritise safety for our people and our customers.

Consultation method
There were several events and activities carried out during the consultation period to give the community a chance to learn more about the project, meet the Roads and Maritime project team, and have their say. Community members were encouraged to provide feedback by making a submission at the information sessions or via mail, email, web or phone contact with the project team. The community could contact Roads and Maritime and make a submission by:

Email: Central.Coast.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au
Phone: (02) 4394 6208
Mail: Roads and Maritime Services Central Coast Office, Locked Bag 2030, Newcastle NSW 2300

Local residents, property owners and other key stakeholders were informed of the consultation using a range of tools and activities, including:

• community update newsletter
• door knocking
• webpage update
• pop-up community information sessions
Community engagement tools used during consultation are explained in more detail in the table below:

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<td>Community update newsletter</td>
<td>Online, print copies available at information sessions and by request.</td>
<td>A community update newsletter was produced to inform the community of the strategic design. The community update included a general overview of the project, key features of the specific proposal, details on the information sessions and how to provide feedback. Newsletters were available on the Roads and Maritime website and were given out at community information sessions.</td>
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<td>Door knock</td>
<td>Directly impacted properties</td>
<td>At the beginning of the consultation period, properties that would be directly impacted by the design were door knocked by the project team. The purpose was to notify potentially impacted owners/occupants of the next stage of the project and promote the upcoming community information sessions. The community update newsletter was given to property owners.</td>
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<td>Webpage</td>
<td>1,383 unique visitors to webpage during the consultation period.</td>
<td>The project webpage was updated on 17 November 2017 with the latest project information including the community update newsletters and how to submit feedback. A total of 1,383 unique page visits were recorded during the consultation period. <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/central-coast/warnervale-link-road/index.html">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/central-coast/warnervale-link-road/index.html</a></td>
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| Community information pop up sessions (Appendix H) | 28 feedback forms completed across both sessions. | Two pop-up community information sessions were held in November and December 2017. The purpose was to provide the community with an opportunity to view the display materials, talk with members of the project team and submit feedback in person. Details of the sessions:  
**Wednesday 29 November 2017, 9am-1pm**  
Lake Haven Shopping Centre  
Lake Haven Drive & Goobarabah Avenue, Lake Haven NSW 2263  
**Thursday 7 December 2017 9am-1pm**  
Village Central Wyong  
18 - 34 Alison Rd, Wyong NSW 2259  
An estimated 100 members of the public approached the information sessions across both locations. A total of 28 feedback forms were received at the sessions. |
| Public display                               | Print copies of proposal available to the public. | The proposal could also be viewed at Tuggerah Library, Central Coast Council (Wyong office) and Service NSW, Tuggerah. |
Consultation summary

Overview
During the consultation period Roads and Maritime received 50 submissions (including from those property owners doorknocked) from November 2017 to February 2018. Key issues raised by the community during this stage of consultation included:

- comments on design
- traffic management (access, congestion and safety)
- property impacts (access, future property values, acquisition and compensation)
- business impacts (compensation for loss of business and/or business disturbance and impacts on future plans/future land use).

Roads and Maritime is yet to determine the final design of the Warnervale Link Road including the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Britannia Drive. Feedback received through this consultation will be considered to develop the concept design, which is expected to be displayed in late 2018.

As part of the design process, Roads and Maritime will carry out a full traffic and transport assessment in 2018/19 to confirm the existing and predicted traffic volumes and movements in the project area. Any potentially impacted property owners will also be contacted by Roads and Maritime to discuss their individual circumstances once corridor impacts are known.

The key issues raised during the consultation period and Roads and Maritime’s responses are outlined in more detail in the table below:
## Warnervale Link Road – Responses Summary

The following table outlines the issues raised in community submissions and the response from Roads and Maritime.

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<td>Design</td>
<td>U-turn bay</td>
<td>Concerns about having to cross two lanes of traffic travelling at 70kph to access the u-turn bay. The perception is it will be unsafe and add to journey time.</td>
<td>The concerns raised by the community are acknowledged. Roads and Maritime is revising the design of the intersection on the Pacific Highway at Britannia Drive. Feedback received through this consultation will be considered during development of the concept design which expected to be finalised later this year.</td>
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<td>A proposed no right turn from Britannia Drive would cause delays for motorists driving towards Wyong Town Centre as vehicles turn left to then turn back right again.</td>
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<td>The u-turn bay may get congested due to the high volume of cars using it.</td>
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<td>Drivers will have difficulty turning into the u-turn bay due to traffic in opposite direction travelling at high speed. Depending on how busy the southbound lanes are on the Link Road, it may cause traffic build up on the proposed u-turn bay.</td>
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<td>Intersection</td>
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<td>Residents are concerned about the proposed no right turn out of Britannia Drive and the impact this will have on other narrow local roads, in particular Watanobbi Road which would be subject to increased traffic flow leading to a traffic and pedestrian safety hazard.</td>
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<td>Concerns that no right hand turns out of Britannia Drive and Cutler Drive makes it difficult for people traveling to Wyong and Tuggerah.</td>
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<td>Access</td>
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<td>Removing right turn from Britannia Drive will cut off residents from easily accessing the Wyong shopping centre, train station and local services.</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Design should provide two lanes on Link Road in each direction between Pacific Highway and Sparks Road. Concern about congestion if an incident occurred southbound on the M1.</td>
<td>Design should include a breakdown lane in both directions or extra room for incidents.</td>
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<td>Traffic management</td>
<td>Congestion</td>
<td>Concern that having four lanes southbound towards Wyong will worsen existing congestion issues on the Pacific Highway towards Wyong Town Centre.</td>
<td>The Warnervale Link Road proposal links into the proposed upgrade for Wyong Town Centre to the north of Cutler Drive. The Cutler Drive intersection is proposed to be upgraded as part of the Wyong Town Centre project.</td>
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<td>Road widening should be completed through the Wyong Town Centre CBD and including the bridge across Wyong River before Britannia Drive intersection to reduce the impact on road users to ensure unimpeded traffic from Amy Close to Tuggerah.</td>
<td>Traffic modelling shows the proposed Warnervale Link Road would need to be completed after the proposed Pacific Highway upgrade through the Wyong Town Centre to avoid increasing congestion in the town centre.</td>
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<td>Concerns that Cutler Drive will become further congested particularly during school hours.</td>
<td>To further assess the impact of the proposed Warnervale Link Road on the road network, traffic modelling of the concept design would be carried out based on current and predicted future traffic volumes.</td>
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<td>The proposed link road between Sparks Road and Britannia Drive will increase north and southbound traffic on the Pacific Highway by shifting traffic from the M1 Pacific Motorway onto a road that is already congested.</td>
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<td>Warnervale Link Road roundabouts may not be able to handle increased traffic due to future growth in the area.</td>
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<td>Warnervale Link Road and Wyong Town Centre upgrade should be constructed simultaneously to improve travel times and ease congestion.</td>
<td>Traffic modelling shows the proposed Warnervale Link Road would need to be completed after the proposed Pacific Highway upgrade through the Wyong Town Centre to avoid increasing congestion in the town centre. Construction of either project is subject to funding availability.</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
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<td>No proposed improvements to the Cutler Drive and Pacific Highway intersection will mean extra traffic will have to merge at higher speed, creating safety risk.</td>
<td>The Cutler Drive intersection is proposed to be upgraded as part of the Wyong Town Centre project. The safety of road users and pedestrians is a key consideration in the design. We will thoroughly review safety concerns raised by the community in the next stages of project planning.</td>
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<td>Concern for the safety of school children during school hours and the potential increase of traffic on other local roads due to the no right turn out of Britannia Drive.</td>
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<td>Property impacts</td>
<td>Access</td>
<td>Concerns about accessing properties from the highway if the current service laneway is removed. Concerns with having to reverse long trailers/boats onto a two lane highway.</td>
<td>Roads and Maritime acknowledges the concerns from property owners regarding potential impacts to their property and actively seeks to avoid or minimise these where reasonable and practical. Roads and Maritime will carry out further traffic and transport assessments in 2018/19 as part of the concept design process to fully consider the existing and predicted traffic volumes and movements in the project area.</td>
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<td>Land Value</td>
<td>Project will devalue property by reducing privacy and amenity.</td>
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<td>When the impacts to individual properties are known, Roads and Maritime will meet with property owners individually to discuss their specific circumstances. These discussions would occur as part of the concept design consultation later this year.</td>
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<td>Compensation</td>
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<td>If home was needed by Roads and Maritime Services property owners would struggle to find another place that match the property owner’s needs.</td>
<td>Roads and Maritime is only planning for the Warnervale Link Road at this stage. Potential impacts to property can and do change during early planning stages. Where impacts are confirmed the Property Acquisition process is governed by the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991 (NSW) which provides the basis for assessing compensation. More information is available in the Roads and Maritime Services Land Acquisition Information Guide: <a href="http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/factsheet-land-acquisition-information-guide.pdf">http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/factsheet-land-acquisition-information-guide.pdf</a></td>
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<td>Business</td>
<td>Disturbance &amp; Parking</td>
<td>Concerns about potential impacts of the project on the local leisure club. Issues included the proximity of proposed road to parking and pedestrians, access for cars and larger vehicles during the construction phase and loss of car parking space.</td>
<td>Roads and Maritime will work closely with impacted stakeholders including property owners, business owners or other stakeholders and seek to avoid or minimise impacts where reasonable and practical. When the impacts to properties and businesses are known, Roads and Maritime will meet with property owners and businesses to discuss their circumstances. Further discussions would occur as part of the concept design consultation later this year.</td>
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Recommendations

Key recommendations emerging from the consultation include:

- Continue consultation with community and stakeholders throughout the next planning stages of the Warnervale Link Road development
- Further revise the intersection design at Brittania Drive to improve safety, reduce property impact and provide for right turns if possible
- Continue to provide more information about the design, impacted properties, delivery timeframes and consultation as it becomes available
- Where properties may be impacted, provide property owners with more information about property acquisition and value determination
- Coordinate consultation and planning with other developments proposed for the area.

Next steps

Roads and Maritime would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the project materials and provide feedback. We have considered all submissions and the feedback and comments received will be considered to inform the next stages of the project. Additional investigations and consultation will be carried out as the project progresses and we will continue to keep the community informed.

The next steps for this project are as follows:

- Release the concept design of the full Warnervale Link Road for community comment later in 2018
- Release the Review of Environmental Factors - Stage 2 section for community comment in early 2019.