

New England Highway, Tenterfield Heavy vehicle bypass study area

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The Australian Government has committed \$6 million for planning of a Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass and safety works at Bolivia Hill as part of the Nation Building Program.

The New England Highway is a major link from the Hunter Region to the New England area and beyond. The highway passes through Tenterfield's central business district, which causes traffic and safety issues.

The purpose of this planning project is to identify a future heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield to improve traffic flow, pedestrian and road safety.

The planning project will assess the feasibility of a heavy vehicle bypass and investigate and design a preferred route.

Current status

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has engaged GHD to help in the investigating of route options and recommending a preferred heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield.

Investigations and community consultation will commence soon. Once consultation starts, your input will be sought to help identify local constraints and issues, discuss proposed routes and criteria.

RMS is planning to display preliminary route options by early 2013.

Study area

Investigations will focus within a proposed study area, indicated on the map opposite.

The aim of the investigations is to determine a preferred New England Highway heavy vehicle route to bypass Tenterfield. The preferred bypass route shall consider the following objectives.

- Improve road safety.
- Improve road transport productivity, efficiency and reliability of travel.
- Minimise the impact on the natural, cultural and built environment.
- Provide sustainable economic outcomes for the local community.
- Minimise social impact on the local community.
- Provide value for money.

More Information

If you would like to keep up to date with the project's progress, please contact the Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass project team by calling 1800 810 680 or emailing community.input@ghd.com

