Realignment of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) now has a preferred corridor for the proposed realignment of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek, approximately 20km south of Narooma.

Background

The RTA is planning for a future upgrade of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek, approximately 20km south of Narooma. The proposed upgrade would improve road safety along this stretch of road which is steep and winding with a history of crashes.

The majority of these crashes involve vehicles leaving the road on curves. To assist in addressing these crashes, the RTA proposes to upgrade the road to a modern highway standard alignment, lowering the number and severity of curves in the road.

The RTA has conducted investigations into the area and selected a preferred corridor. Factors that have been considered include the existing road, the local topography, a range of environmental constraints and local land use and ownership.

The project

The RTA proposes to realign the Princes Highway from a point 1.5 kilometres north to 1.8 kilometres south of Dignams Creek Road. The key features of the project would be:

• Constructing approximately 3.1 kilometres of new highway built to modern road alignment standards.
• Constructing a new bridge over Dignams Creek – replacing the existing bridge.
• Constructing a new junction at the Princes Highway and Dignams Creek Road.
• Upgrade of an existing southbound overtaking lane.

The project would also result in sections of the existing Princes Highway south of Dignams Creek Road being removed and revegetated. Wildlife corridors between Gulaga and Kooraban National Parks would also be maintained through the installation of fauna crossing structures as part of the road upgrade.

Benefits

• Improved road safety.
• Improved road geometry and alignment, leading to improved travel efficiency.
• A reduction of vehicle carbon emissions due to improved alignment.
• Improved travel times for motorists on the Princes Highway.
• Catering for fauna movement through installation of fauna crossings.

What happens next

If you would like more information about this project you can contact the project development team:

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More information is also available at: www.rta.nsw.gov.au
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Have your say
The RTA has consulted with a number of directly affected land owners and both local councils.

To have your say on the preferred corridor, please contact the RTA’s Project Manager or provide comments in writing.

The preferred corridor is on display until 4 February 2011 at Cobargo Post Office, between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

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