Mount Pleasant to Toolijooa Road - detailed design in progress

The detailed design for the Gerringong upgrade between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road has been prepared for your comment. This design involves finalising the upgraded road alignment, the urban design, landscaping and the development of various plans to support construction and minimise impacts on the local community.

Key activities to prepare the detailed design (January to August 2012)

- Field investigations including survey of utility locations, soil testing and drainage assessments.
- Discussions with affected landowners about geotechnical and survey investigations, property adjustments and access during construction.
- Consultation with the Aboriginal community to determine the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places within the project area to prepare a cultural heritage assessment report.
- Finalising the alignment of the Princes Highway and the access road design details.
- Design of bridges, retaining walls, drainage structures, street furniture, lighting, noise walls, pavements and landscaping.
- Development of plans for managing construction staging, community/stakeholder communications and participation, environment, traffic, safety and heritage.

Community advocate appointed

RMS is pleased to announce the appointment of Rowena Lennings as the community advocate for the Gerringong upgrade.

Rowena's role will be to:

- Provide you with advice, independent of the project team.
- Provide support to community members if required, in explaining their problems or issues to the project team.
- Assist you with understanding technical information provided by RMS.
- Look into how your complaints to RMS or the project team have been dealt with if you believe there has not been a sufficient response to your issue or concern.

Rowena will report to senior managers at RMS. We encourage you to take advantage of Rowena's services as community advocate to help ensure clear and consistent information is delivered to the community, the project team and to RMS.

Contact Rowena by phone: 0418490376 or 02 94847881
or email: Rowena@integratedanalysis.com.au

Rowena will assess how she can best help you, usually within 24 hours.

Community display

You are invited to a community display to meet with the project team and find out more about the detailed design. We will provide information on the proposed alignment, the urban design and landscape plans.

You can visit the display on:

Friday 25 and Saturday 26 May 2012 at Gerringong Town Hall
106 Fern Street, Gerringong
10am – 4pm each day
Key features of the upgraded highway

- Removal of climbing lane to provide right turn lanes via road marking.

- North of Pottery access road
- Belinda Street interchange and Sims Road access road
- Rose Valley interchange and access road
- Toolijooa Road interchange detail
- Toolijooa Road intersection
- Willowvale Road
- Crooked River
- South Coast Railway
- Omega Lane access road
- Omega Flat
- Ooaree Creek
- Werri Lagoon
- New Fern Street railway overbridge

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- Upgraded Princes Highway
- New shared access roads
- Existing Princes Highway
- Other roads
- South Coast Railway
- Waterways
- New bridges
- Existing bridges
- Climbing lane
- Fig tree retained
- Noise wall

Aerial photo - 2007
Construction

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has contracted Fulton Hogan to design and construct the $310 million upgrade. The new highway will provide approximately 7.5 kilometres of new road, which will generally follow the existing road alignment. There will be a posted 100km/h speed limit along most of the upgrade.

Construction work is expected to start in the second half of 2012, with completion expected in the first half of 2015, weather permitting. How construction activities will be staged is being thought through. We believe that we will be able to undertake the work with only short periods of closing Fern Street or Belinda Street. We are seeking your feedback on what you consider to be acceptable lengths of time for any temporary closures, as well as giving us your opinion on the urban design and landscape plans and some of the construction elements such as bridges and embankment treatments.

Have your say

Fulton Hogan and RMS invite your comments on the detailed design. Your feedback will be considered as we finalise this design. Please fill in the Have Your Say form attached and send to the following address by Friday 22 June 2012:

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Site office: 446 Princes Highway, Gerringong 2534