Dear resident/business owner

**Gerringong upgrade**

Start of early works and establishment of the project site office.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is upgrading the Princes Highway at Gerringong between Mount Pleasant and Toolijooa Road. The project will provide 7.5 kilometres of upgraded highway and include two new interchanges with access to Gerringong and Gerroa.

Over the last six months RMS and the Fulton Hogan team have been developing the detailed design for the project. There has already been considerable preliminary investigation activity along the existing highway and on private properties along the new highway alignment. These investigations have provided information to the designers about geotechnical conditions and the location of utilities and other services. This has assisted in finalising the new highway alignment, design of bridges and drainage structures and the planning of construction staging.

The team expects to commence some early works in July 2012, weather permitting, with construction scheduled to start in August 2012.

Early works will include:

- **Establishing a project site compound** at 446 Princes Highway, Gerringong. The site is located on the western side of the Princes Highway, immediately north of Belinda Street. The compound will be the main base of operations throughout the Gerringong upgrade and will include offices and staff amenities and a project display. The display will be open to the general public by the end of August 2012. Establishing the site compound will involve earthworks for sediment control, construction of access roads, service and utility connections and construction of office and amenity buildings for the project workforce.

- **Relocating water mains** along the Princes Highway between Mount Pleasant and Fern Street on one or both sides of the highway.

- **Installing boundary fencing** for properties adjoining the new highway alignment. Property owners affected by these boundary works will be consulted about the type of fencing, stock management during fencing works and the timing of works. Access to affected properties will be maintained at all times.

- **Fencing around heritage sites** and sensitive vegetation areas to ensure they are protected from damage during construction.
• **Widening of road shoulders** at various locations along the existing highway as part of the preparation to undertake works.

• **Implementing traffic and speed changes**, including changes to traffic arrangements near Belinda Street to accommodate site compound traffic.

• **Installing concrete safety barriers** and temporary traffic control signage along the highway and reducing speed limits where necessary.

Construction activities will generally occur **Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm**. Nearby residents will be notified of any construction activities that may be scheduled outside normal working hours.

Please contact 1800 506 976 (free call) if you have any questions or comments, or email the team at gerringongupgrade@fultonhogan.com.au.

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For more information about this project you can visit the RMS website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/gu

We would like to thank you in anticipation, for your patience and cooperation during these early works and during construction of the Gerringong Upgrade.

Yours faithfully

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