The Nelligen Bridge project will replace the existing Nelligen Bridge with a new bridge upstream to ensure a safe and reliable crossing on the Clyde River, and to improve road safety and traffic efficiency on the Kings Highway. The NSW Government has provided $5 million in 2017/18 to finalise development for the project.

**Project benefits**

- Improved safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists by providing an improved curve on the eastern side of the bridge, wider lanes and shoulders, and safety barriers between the road and footpath
- A new bridge that will have a 100 year bridge life and will provide a safe and reliable crossing of the Clyde River at Nelligen, and improved urban design around its foreshore
- Increased boat mooring space on the Clyde River.

**Where are we now?**

In mid September 2017, Roads and Maritime Services awarded the detailed (final) design contract for the bridge replacement to Cardno (NSW/ACT) Pty Ltd.

With detailed design about to start, we are also continuing to buy properties that are on land needed for the new bridge.

In early October 2017 we will start geotechnical and utility service investigation work in the Clyde River and on the existing highway and bridge near the project area.
Progress to date

- The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were publically displayed for 35 days in October and November 2016 at five locations
- A submissions report on the REF/EIS was released in March 2017
- Environmental approval was granted in March 2017
- Concept design was completed in May 2017
- In June 2017 the NSW Government announced a funding commitment for a replacement of the Nelligen Bridge
- Detailed design tenders were invited in July 2017, with Cardno (NSW/ACT) Pty Ltd awarded the detailed design contract in September 2017.

Upcoming work

- Detailed design is about to start and will be displayed for information in mid to late 2018
- Cardno (NSW/ACT) Pty Ltd will carry out geotechnical investigations for the bridge approaches and piers in the water. These investigations will start in early October and will last for about four weeks. There may be temporary lane closures on weekdays during this time. These investigations will be on land to start with, then on land and over the water using two barges
- Early work to prepare for major construction is expected to start in mid 2018
- A proposed design for an improved community space around the western end of the existing bridge is due to be presented in mid 2018
- Construction of the new bridge is anticipated to start in 2019 with the project expected to open to traffic in late 2020. Once the new bridge is open to traffic, the old bridge will be removed.

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