South Batemans Bay Link Road
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The unsealed road, The Ridge Road near Glenella Road.

Roads and Maritime Services is developing plans for a safe and efficient connection for the Link Road and Princes Highway south of Batemans Bay.

Since the NSW Government announced project funding in January 2019, we have been progressing with the strategic assessment phase of the project and carrying out investigations to inform our early design options.

What’s been happening?

Work carried out over the last six months includes:

• Land surveys on Glenella Road and The Ridge Road
• Utility investigations
• Traffic modelling
• Aboriginal heritage surveys
• Preliminary design development
• Consultation with Forestry Corporation NSW and Eurobodalla Shire Council

Our early development work focuses on understanding the project area and surrounding landscape. We are considering how the Link Road connection will address future growth in Batemans Bay and the surrounding coastal suburbs.
Recent safety upgrades

In May and June this year, Roads and Maritime carried out road safety improvements on the Princes Highway between Cranbrook and Lattas Point Roads.

The work involved installing roadside guardrail, widening the centreline, and improving the road surface. Line markings that alert motorists through noise and vibration when they stray from their lane were also installed in sections along the highway.

Separately funded through the NSW Government’s Saving Lives on Country Roads program, these road upgrades provide an immediate safety benefit for motorists.

What’s next?

From Monday 26 August, we will carry out geotechnical investigations along The Ridge Road south of Batemans Bay.

Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm on weekdays and 8am to 1pm Saturdays, for around three weeks, weather permitting.

During work hours, The Ridge Road will close to traffic on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between the Princes Highway and Glenella Road.

Motorists who use the unsealed road to reach coastal suburbs south of Batemans Bay should use George Bass Drive and are advised to plan their journey and allow extra travel time.

Following these investigations, the project team will continue to develop design options for the Link Road connection to the Princes Highway, which will take into consideration:

- Road safety standards
- Community needs
- Design benefits
- Delivery cost and budget

Traffic changes

Early planning and investigation work will have minimal impact to highway traffic, however for the safety of workers and road users, motorists are advised to drive to conditions, pay attention and follow the directions of signs.

Motorists will be advised of any changed traffic conditions or extended work hours in advance.

Please also refer to roadside electronic message boards for updates.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the South Batemans Bay Link Road project please contact our project team:

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