The Australian and NSW governments are funding two separate projects to improve Appin Road. These would improve safety and support affordable housing in the Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

Appin Road is a busy state road which caters to thousands of vehicles each day, including many trucks carrying freight between Wollongong and Sydney’s south-western suburbs.

The road extends across three Local Government Areas including Campbelltown City Council, Wollondilly Shire Council and Wollongong City Council. Appin Road is predominantly one lane in each direction, with some two lane sections providing overtaking opportunities.

Roads and Maritime Services plan to improve safety and increase road capacity on Appin Road with two proposed projects:
- Appin Road upgrade between St Johns Road, Rosemeadow and Mt Gilead
- Appin Road safety improvements between Mt Gilead and Appin.
Appin Road safety improvement work between Mt Gilead and Appin

Appin Road upgrade between Rosemeadow and Mt Gilead
Intersections on Appin Road

1. New intersection, new traffic signals and turning lanes
2. New intersection, new traffic signals and turning lanes
3. Upgraded intersection, new traffic signals and turning lanes
4. Upgraded intersection with separated turning lanes
Appin Road upgrade between Rosemeadow and Mt Gilead

The upgrade would be funded by the NSW Government Housing Acceleration Fund and Lendlease to unlock new housing at Mt Gilead and improve safety and access for local residents and through traffic.

About four kilometres of Appin Road, between Fitzgibbon Lane, Rosemeadow and Mt Gilead would be duplicated. Three existing intersections at Copperfield Drive and Kellerman Drive, Fitzgibbon Lane and Kellerman Drive, and the intersection with St Johns Road would also be improved. Two new intersections would be constructed to provide access to the Mt Gilead development.

This proposal would:

- Improve travel time reliability and efficiency for road users with Appin Road widening from two to four lanes
- Create new connections to the Mt Gilead land release area to support future community needs
- Reduce congestion and increase safety with improvements to the intersections at Copperfield Drive/Kellerman Drive, Fitzgibbon Lane/ Kellerman Drive, and Appin Road/St Johns Road
- Increase road capacity to cater for current and future traffic volumes.

Appin Road safety improvement work between Mt Gilead and Appin

The $50 million package is funded by the Australian Government to improve safety on Appin Road and support affordable housing in the Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

Early safety work to install audio tactile line-marking treatments or ‘rumble strips’ on sections of Appin Road; remove tree stumps to improve roadside clear zones; and install additional signage and guideposts was completed in August 2018.

The next stage of work would include a number of targeted safety improvements to about five kilometres of Appin Road between Mt Gilead and Brian Road to improve safety for residents, motorists and freight operators, as well as create further traffic efficiencies.

The targeted safety improvements would:

- Provide smoother, safer trips for motorists with wider lanes and shoulder widths, together with increased clear zones and improved road surface
- Improve safety with the installation of new sections of roadside safety barriers, and sections of painted median with safety barriers
- Create a new overtaking opportunity for northbound traffic to improve traffic flow
- Install new right turn bays with U-turn facilities to improve safety for residents entering and exiting driveways
- Realign a road curve with painted median and safety barrier to improve safety for motorists.

This safety improvement package also includes a corridor study for a link road between Appin Road and Menangle Road. The Link Road Corridor Study, which commenced in October 2018, will identify a route for the proposed link road. The link road would provide a key connection between Appin Road, Gilead and Menangle Road, Menangle Park and support future housing growth as part of the NSW Government’s Greater Macarthur Growth Area.

The preferred route for the link road is proposed to be identified by mid 2019. Once a preferred route is identified, Roads and Maritime would consult with the community and provide an opportunity for feedback.

Environment – flora and fauna

Roads and Maritime Services takes environmental conservation and protection seriously and seeks to avoid where possible, minimise or mitigate the impact on sensitive ecology. We understand the importance of managing the projects’ impact on the environment, and the need to protect koalas and other threatened species.

Koalas and Appin Road

South west Sydney is home to a significant population of koalas which is widely accepted to be recovering and expanding.

Many koala movement corridors are intersected by major roads, and vehicle strike on roads is considered one of the major factors leading to the decline of koala populations. The threat to koalas is increased due to more development and traffic.

On average about 12,000 vehicles per day, or more than eight vehicles per minute use Appin Road between Rosemeadow and Appin. Three koalas were killed on Appin Road in 2016, six in 2017, and eight up until June 2018.

As part of the environmental assessment for both projects, additional measures to protect koalas and their habitat have been identified.

To discourage koalas from crossing Appin Road, the primary focus would be to implement a fencing strategy on both sides of the road in identified movement corridors. The fencing strategy would support the objectives of the NSW Koala Strategy 2018 and will be further developed as project planning progresses.
Other measures proposed include:

• Minimising vegetation clearing, particularly koala habitat along Appin Road
• Engaging an ecologist to inspect the work areas, including any vegetation to be removed, before and during construction
• Managing koalas located during the inspection under guidance of the Office of Environment and Heritage.

NSW Koala Strategy 2018

The NSW Government’s Koala Strategy – the biggest commitment by any state government to secure koalas in the wild – will provide more natural habitat for koalas, tackle diseases, improve research and fix roadkill hotspots. The NSW Government will commit $45 million for this strategy.


Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

The REF is a planning and assessment tool that clearly and accurately sets out the proposal, the potential impacts of the proposal and the proposed protective measures.

Accompanied by a concept or strategic design, the REF is made available for community members and other stakeholders to review and submit their comments and questions. Each submission received through the REF process would be considered and would assist the planning and delivery of the project.

Roads and Maritime has prepared a strategic design and REF for the Appin Road Safety Improvements. Lendlease has worked with Roads and Maritime to prepare a concept design and REF for the Appin Road Upgrade. Both REFs assess the potential environmental impact of each project and outline measures to reduce impacts on biodiversity, heritage, noise, property and construction. It is important to note that these projects, while they share cumulative effects which would be considered in both REFs, are distinct projects and require two separate environment assessment and approval processes.

Have your say

The REF for both projects are now on display until Friday 14 December 2018. We invite you to provide feedback during this consultation phase.

Please send your comments and questions through in writing by post, email, or online at the Roads and Maritime website.

The REF documents are available online [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/appinroadimprovements](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/appinroadimprovements) or view printed versions at the following locations:

**Campbelltown Civic Centre**
91 Queen Street, Campbelltown
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm

**Narellan Library**
Corner Queen and Elyard Street, Narellan
Monday, Wednesday 9.30am to 8pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30am to 5pm
Saturday 9am to 3pm

**Wollondilly Shire Council**
62–64 Menangle Street, Picton
Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm

**Camden Library**
40 John Street, Camden
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.30am to 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday 9.30am to 8pm
Saturday 9am to 12pm

Next steps for each project
Community Information Sessions

We are hosting three community information sessions to provide you with an opportunity to ask the project teams questions and seek further information. A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop in any time at one of the following sessions:

Saturday 24 November between 10am and 1pm
Appin Public School Hall
97 Appin Road, Appin

Wednesday 28 November between 5pm and 8pm
Hurley Park Community Hall
161 Dumaresq Street, Campbelltown

Wednesday 5 December between 5pm and 8pm
Rosemeadow Community Hall
5 Glendower Street, Rosemeadow

If you are unable to attend one of the information sessions, you can contact us to discuss, or to arrange another time that is suitable to meet. To make a submission or to join the mailing list for either project, please contact the relevant project team (see contacts for details).

What happens next?

At the end of the REF display period, a submissions report which summarises comments or questions received for each project, and our responses, will be published on the Roads and Maritime website. If you make a submission, you will receive an email or letter advising of any changes to the proposal as a result of feedback. A community update will also be distributed to advise the availability of the submissions report.

We will keep community members and other stakeholders informed of progress throughout delivery of the projects. You can access information on the individual projects through the Roads and Maritime website, community newsletters, the project phone number and email address.