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

Roads and Maritime Services plans to improve safety and increase road capacity on Appin Road with two proposed projects:

- Appin Road upgrade between Ambarvale and Mt Gilead
- Appin Road safety improvements between Mt Gilead and Appin

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and concept design for the upgrade, and the REF and strategic design for the safety improvements were on exhibition from Monday 19 November to Friday 14 December 2018. A number of information sessions were also held in the local area. Community members and other stakeholders were invited to comment on the REF and concept-strategic design for the proposals.

A total of 132 submissions were received in response to the community consultation activities and exhibition of the REF, including 84 for Appin Road upgrade and 48 for Appin Road safety improvements. Key matters raised included the following:

- Koala safety, habitat and connectivity
- Traffic and access
- Heritage
- Utilities.

We thank everyone for taking the time to consider the projects and for their feedback and comments. We have prepared a submissions report for each project to summarise the feedback and respond. The submissions report for each project is now available at rms.nsw.gov.au/appinroadimprovements.

What happens next?
The submissions were reviewed to assist in determining approval for each of the projects. After considering all feedback and responses, along with the aims and design requirements for each project, we have decided to proceed with Appin Road upgrade and Appin Road safety improvements. However, in response to concerns around protecting fauna in the area, we will install additional fauna fencing at Noorumba Reserve as part of Appin Road upgrade.

Planning for each of the projects will now progress to finalise detailed design and any further environmental considerations for the projects. Roads and Maritime will continue to consult with key stakeholders and work collaboratively to reduce fauna deaths on Appin Road. We will continue to keep you informed of progress throughout delivery of the projects.

Contact
If you have any questions, please contact the project team for Appin Road improvements on 1800 411 588 or visit our interactive portal at rms.nsw.gov.au/appinroadimprovements.

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