Roads and Maritime Services is planning the future upgrade of the Princes Highway between Berry and Bomaderry.

The concept design and review of environmental factors for the proposed upgrade are on display for community comment until Friday 29 November 2013.

Background
In June 2009, Roads and Maritime announced the preferred route for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade. The proposal would provide around 11.5 kilometres of four-lane highway with median separation between Schofields Lane, Berry and Cambewarra Road, Bomaderry.

Since 2009, Roads and Maritime has worked with project stakeholders and the community to adjust and improve the concept design.

The Princes Highway is the main north-south transport corridor linking Sydney and Wollongong to the NSW south coast and north-eastern Victoria. It is an important freight and tourist route, with peak traffic experienced on weekends and during holiday periods.

The proposal is one of a series of upgrades to the Princes Highway to provide a four-lane divided route between Sydney and Jervis Bay Road, Falls Creek. This would improve road safety and traffic efficiency.

Review of concept design and environmental factors – have your say
A review of environmental factors for the proposal is on display for community comment.

The review outlines the proposed upgrade including noise and vibration levels, air quality, flooding, local and through traffic, visual impacts, community and socio-economic considerations, flora and fauna, and Aboriginal cultural and non-Aboriginal historical heritage. It also identifies the management and mitigation measures to reduce these impacts.

Details of display locations are provided on the back page of this community update.
Upgrade features

Key features of the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade include:

- Widening the Princes Highway to a four-lane divided highway (two lanes in each direction) with median separation between Schofields Lane and Cambewarra Road.
- A grade separated interchange at Pestells Lane with on/off ramps, and left-in/left-out connection to the highway at Meroo Road.
- An underpass at Devitts Lane/Morschels Lane for local road access.
- An overpass at Strongs Road/Jaspers Brush Road for local road access.
- Protected right turn bays with northbound and southbound u-turn bays.
- A heavy vehicle inspection bay near Jaspers Brush.
- Eight bridges over waterways and a flood relief bridge near Jaspers Brush.
- Increased road shoulder widths to three metres, where possible, with vehicle breakdown bays at regular intervals.
- Left-in/left-out only direct property access to the upgraded highway.
- A cutting at Strongs Road, Jaspers Brush, around 300 metres long and up to 10 metres deep, in addition to various smaller cuttings along the proposal.
- Relocation and upgrade of existing bus stops at Mullers Lane, Croziers Road, Strongs Road, Jaspers Brush Road, Morschels Lane, Lamonds Lane and Boxsells Lane.

Community involvement

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in planning for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade.

Community feedback has been carefully considered by Roads and Maritime during the development of the concept design and in preparing the review of environmental factors.

As a result of community feedback on the refined concept design published in March 2013, the project’s design has been amended to include the following changes:

- Removal of the northbound heavy vehicle inspection bay from Meroo Meadow to a location near Jaspers Brush.
- Removal of the northbound heavy vehicle rest area from the project.
- A protected right turn bay into Boxsells Lane.
- Realignment of the highway to the north in the vicinity of Morschels Lane to avoid impacting on a row of trees on the southern side of the existing highway.
Have your say

You are invited to make a written submission on the proposal by Friday 29 November 2013.

Submissions can be sent to Roads and Maritime by:

Email: berrytobomaderryupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au

Mail: Berry to Bomaderry upgrade,
AECOM, PO Box Q410, QVB Post Office,
Sydney NSW 2000

Your submission should include:

• Your name and address.
• Your comments on the project.
• Whether you support or object to the project or if you are just providing comments.

Important information if you are making a submission

All information in correspondence is collected for the sole purpose of assisting in the assessment of the proposal. All information received, including names and addresses of respondents, may be published in subsequent assessment documents unless a clear indication is given in the correspondence that such information is not to be published.

All submissions made during the display period will be addressed by Roads and Maritime with responses published in a submissions report.

Issues raised will be considered by Roads and Maritime in finalising the concept design for project determination.
Display locations
The review of environmental factors is on display on the project website and at the following locations until Friday 29 November 2013.
The project team will be available to answer questions and receive your feedback at:

**Roads and Maritime project office**
Shop 3/113 Queen Street Berry.
Open during the display period on:
- Fridays from 10am to 5pm.
- Saturday 9 November from 10am to 2pm.
- Thursday 14 November from 4pm to 7pm.
- Saturday 23 November from 10am to 2pm.

**Nowra Showground Pavilion**
West Street, Nowra on:
- Tuesday 12 November from 10am to 5pm.
- Thursday 28 November from 4pm to 7pm.
These displays will include concept designs showing all access arrangements and 3D animations of the proposal.
Roads and Maritime values your views on the proposal, so please feel free to drop in to one of the above sessions.

The review of environmental factors documents can also be viewed at the following locations:

**Shoalhaven City Council**
44 Bridge Road Nowra
open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

**Nowra Library**
10 Berry Street Nowra
open Monday to Friday 9.30am to 7pm and Saturday 9.30am to 3pm.

**Office of Gareth Ward MP**
Member for Kiama
102 Terralong Street Kiama
open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

**Office of Shelly Hancock MP**
Member for South Coast
1/57 Plunkett Street Nowra
open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

**Gerringong upgrade community display centre**
446 Princes Highway Gerringong
open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.

**Roads and Maritime Wollongong office**
Level 4, 90 Crown Street Wollongong
open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.
The documents can also be downloaded from the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/bbu or you can request a CD copy by calling 1800 506 976 (free call).

For more information
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