

MAY 2012

## Berry to Bomaderry upgrade

Three community focus group meetings for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade were held in May 2012. The second meeting was held on 3 May 2012 at the Nowra Showground Pavilion, Nowra.

### Summary – Purpose of the meeting

Roads and Maritime Services convened a series of focus group meetings for the Berry to Bomaderry upgrade inviting residents potentially impacted by the proposed design. This meeting was the second of three held in May 2012, covering an overview of the upgrade and features of each section of the proposed upgrade. The aim of the meetings was to capture specific feedback from potentially impacted residents. The meetings also provided the community with an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues for further consideration in the design process.

The meeting was opened and facilitated by Wendy Carlson of the AECOM project team. Nick Boyd, RMS Project Manager, provided a slide presentation showing an overview of the proposed concept design. This included amendments to access arrangements to properties accessing the Princes Highway, the inclusion of a proposed truck stop facility near Meroo Meadow, changes to bus collection and drop-off arrangements, as well as a discussion of environmental issues and impacts on other road users. The presentation was supported by technical staff from RMS. The meeting was then open to questions from the community.

Approximately 40 local residents attended the meeting. The following is a summary of the issues raised at the meeting and of the RMS response.

<i>Questions &amp; Comments</i>	<i>Response/Action</i>
<b>Concerns that the truck stop location has already been decided without adequate community consultation or provision of options.</b>	<p>This meeting is the beginning of a consultation process with the local community to seek their feedback on the proposed location of the heavy vehicle enforcement bay and truck park.</p> <p>The site shown in the concept design was chosen as it best satisfied the design and operational constraints compared to other potential sites. RMS will hold an additional community meeting to further discuss the heavy vehicle facility due to the high level of community interest. At this meeting criteria for the selection of the current location and the limitations on the choice of sites will be presented for community review.</p>
<b>Will affected residents be compensated for environmental impacts, particularly noise?</b>	<p>A number of technical studies will be conducted as part of the environmental assessment of the upgrade, including noise and visual impact studies. The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) will address all potential environmental impacts, and will propose mitigation measures where deemed necessary.</p>
<b>Concerns about the increase in traffic at night</b>	<p>The proposed truck stop area will undergo</p>

<b>due to the truck stop and the expected increase in noise and lights. Will there be noise barriers erected? Will there be monitoring during the day and night?</b>	environmental assessment including noise modelling. Mitigation measures for noise and light spill will be considered on a case by case basis where deemed necessary. These could include a noise wall or architectural treatments at individual properties.
<b>Concerns about the location of intersections particularly Pestells Lane/Meroo Road. Why have these intersections been chosen? Why not Boxsells Lane?</b>	The intersections have been located to balance the inconvenience of additional travel between right turn opportunities, and their location is not about servicing particular properties. RMS is seeking input from the community on the location of the intersections for consideration in the concept design.
<b>Concerns about how land value is calculated.</b>	Property is calculated at market value as if unaffected by road proposals. Further information is available in the RMS guide to property acquisitions, which was available at the meeting and is available at the Berry project office.
<b>Is there anywhere on the website where discussions between landowners can be viewed?</b>	Meeting notes from each of the community meetings will be published on the project website. Additionally, an issues register which will record issues or suggestions raised by the community, including meetings with the RMS project team to discuss the proposed concept design, will be developed and published on the website.