

New England Highway Bolivia Hill upgrade

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The Australian Government has committed \$6 million for planning of safety works at Bolivia Hill and a future Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass as part of the Nation Building Program.

The New England Highway is a major link from the Hunter Region to the New England area and beyond.

Bolivia Hill is a steep winding section of the New England Highway between Glen Innes and Tenterfield. The existing highway corridor is narrow with a rock face to the east and steep drop to the west.

Initial investigations for the project will include:

- Meeting with adjacent landowners and other stakeholders.
- Mapping environmental constraints.
- Investigating technical and engineering issues.
- Developing route options.

Current status

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has engaged Cardno to help develop route options. Investigations are underway. Initial discussions have been held with key stakeholders and property owners to identify local constraints and issues.

Study area

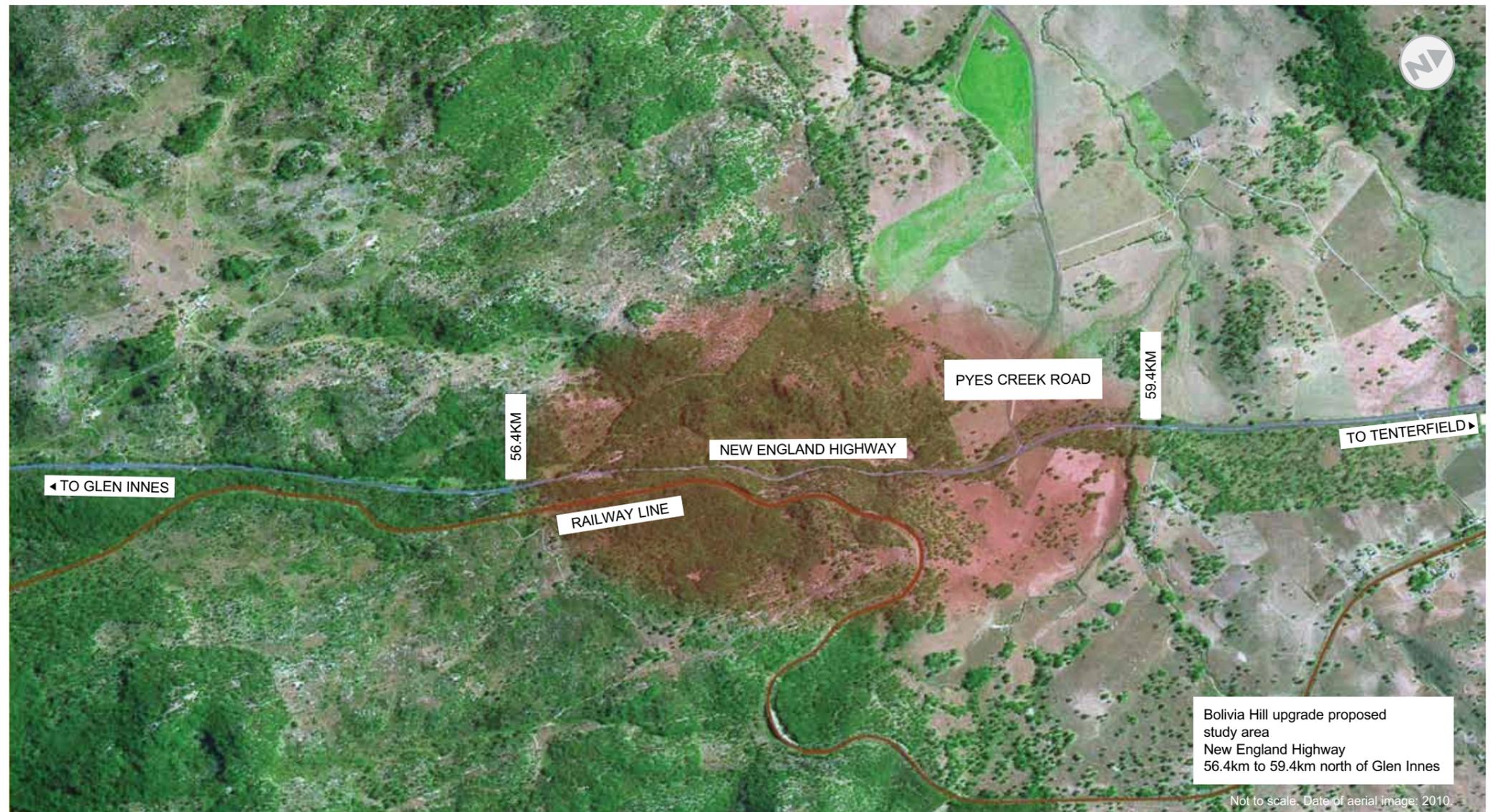
Investigations will focus within a proposed study area, indicated on the opposite plan.

The aim of the investigations is to determine a preferred New England Highway corridor route at Bolivia Hill. The preferred route will meet the following objectives:

- Improve road safety.
- Improve road transport productivity, efficiency and reliability of travel.
- Minimise the impact on the natural, cultural and built environment.
- Provide value for money.

More Information

If you would like to be kept up to date with the project's progress, please contact the Bolivia Hill Upgrade project team by calling 1800 024 535 or emailing boliviahill@cardno.com.au



The existing route features steep and winding curves



View of Bolivia Hill approaching from the north



The existing route is bounded by a steep rock face to the east