



**Gareth Ward MP**  
**State Member for Kiama**

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## **SOUTHERN OPTION ANALYSIS UNDERWAY**

Member for Kiama Gareth Ward has announced he has requested Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) review costings and plans for the southern alternative for the Berry By-Pass project.

"I would like to confirm RMS is now reviewing its initial costings and plans for a southern route for a bypass of the town of Berry."

"I made a request of the Minister for Roads to review the previously established costings and proposal following representations from local residents who have significant civil engineering experience.

"It is in the best interests of Berry to address questions about the current viability of a bypass to the south of Berry roughly of equal length to the northern preferred route.

"Given stage one of the Gerringong to Bomaderry Princes Highway Upgrade (Mount Pleasant to Toolijooa) will not be completed till 2015, I want to make sure that the route selected for Berry represents the best possible route for the towns current and future needs.

"Work will continue on the northern preferred route so that both route options give the Berry community and the Minister the most current and accurate information to provide the best possible bypass.

"This decision to review a southern bypass will not stop progress of this project; however I have an obligation as the local Member to ask all necessary and relevant questions to get the best possible outcome for Berry," Mr Ward concluded.