

## 1996 Berry Bypass Study

### Upgrading the Princes Highway



Investigations into a bypass of Berry date back to the early 1960's.

In 1981 a road reserve in North Street was adopted as part of Shoalhaven City Council's Local Environment Plan.

In June 1992, the RTA completed a traffic origin and destination study for the Berry area as part of a long-term strategy for improving the Princes Highway. This study showed that approximately 70% of traffic passing through Berry would use a bypass route.



Berry Post Office



Berry Museum

A value management study in March 1996 involved representatives from the RTA, Shoalhaven City Council and the Berry community. The recommendation from this study was to consider two possible routes, namely, the previously identified northern route and a new route to the south-east of Berry.

Following a detailed evaluation of both options, the then Minister for Roads announced in 1996 that the northern route was the preferred corridor for the Berry Bypass.

In 1997 a consultant was engaged to prepare an environmental impact statement. The government at that time decided to defer finalising this report.

In March 2006 the state government announced a new study to examine a larger area between Mount Pleasant lookout at Gerringong and Cambewarra/Moss Vale Roads at Bomaderry. This will incorporate the areas previously considered by the 1996 Berry Bypass study and the 1991 Gerringong to Berry route study.

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