M1 Princes Motorway
Interchange at the base of Mount Ousley
June 2016

Roads and Maritime Services is planning for an interchange on the Princes Motorway at the base of Mount Ousley and has developed a preferred option for the project.

**Background**

The M1 Princes Motorway is the main road linking Sydney with Wollongong, the Illawarra and the South Coast. It is a vital link for commuters, an important tourist route and provides critical freight access to Port Kembla.

The intersection of the Princes Motorway and Mount Ousley Road is located near the University of Wollongong and also acts as a gateway into Wollongong.

The existing intersection has a range of safety and efficiency issues including long delays during peak periods, a poor safety record at the right turn from Mount Ousley Road onto the Princes Motorway and merge conflicts between slow moving heavy vehicles and fast moving light vehicles.

Congestion at the University Avenue interchange located about 1.2 kilometres south of the intersection also reduces traffic efficiency on the Princes Motorway and impacts on access to surrounding suburbs and the University of Wollongong.

**The project**

Roads and Maritime has investigated various options for the interchange. Based on a range of technical, environmental and social considerations, we have developed a preferred option for the project.

The proposed interchange would replace the existing intersection at the base of Mount Ousley and would improve road safety and freight efficiency, reduce traffic congestion and address future traffic growth.

We are seeking community feedback on the preferred option. Feedback is invited until **Monday 18 July 2016** and will be used to refine the design during the environmental assessment.

We have a survey to help capture your feedback. This can be accessed at [rms.nsw.gov.au/MountOusleyInterchange](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/MountOusleyInterchange)
Preferred option

Key features:
• Separated truck bypass lanes to access Mount Ousley Road or travel under Mount Ousley Road and continue on the Princes Motorway southbound
• An overpass from Mount Ousley Road to safely access the Princes Motorway to travel northbound
• New entry to the University from the Princes Motorway southbound and Mount Ousley Road
• New exit from the University to Mount Ousley Road and the Princes Motorway northbound
• Pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Mount Ousley Road and the Princes Motorway which connects suburbs to the north with the University
• Relocated commuter car park with additional formalised parking spaces
• Can connect to a future third southbound lane on the Princes Motorway.

Benefits:
• Improved travel times for all vehicles
• Safer access to and from the motorway to Mount Ousley Road
• Improved access to the Wollongong CBD and University of Wollongong
• Improved safety by separating cars and trucks travelling down Mount Ousley
• Improved amenity for pedestrians and cyclists
• Reduced vehicle operating costs
• Provides for future traffic growth.

Artist’s impression of the proposed interchange with option 2 of the commuter carpark

There are two potential locations for the new commuter carpark and the final location will be determined following consultation.
Drop in sessions
You are invited to drop in to view project information and speak with the project team.
Fairy Meadow Community Centre
Princes Highway, Fairy Meadow
**Thursday 30 June**
Any time between 5pm–8pm
**Saturday 2 July**
Any time between 10am–1pm
The preferred option report is available to view on the Roads and Maritime website.

What happens next?
The next step for the project will be concept design and environmental assessment. This will have more detailed information about the design features, identification of impacts and their management during construction.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Timing and funding for construction is yet to be confirmed.

Preliminary investigations
Refinement and analysis of options
Select preferred option
Concept design and environmental impact assessment
Detailed design
Pre-construction activities
Award tender
Construction

Have your say
To find out more or provide feedback:
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View from the northbound carriageway of the Princes Motorway to the proposed overpass.

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