

## Project update – New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

The NSW Government is providing \$85 million under the Rebuilding NSW Plan to upgrade the New England Highway between Belford and the Golden Highway to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists.

Roads and Maritime Services plans to upgrade the highway to provide two travel lanes in each direction and a flyover for vehicles turning right from the Golden Highway towards Maitland and Newcastle.

The concept design and review of environmental factors (REF) for the upgrade were displayed for community feedback between 30 June and 28 July 2017. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

### Community feedback

A total of 32 submissions were received during the public display including 12 which stated support for the proposal. The main concerns raised in the submissions related to safety, travel times, connectivity for nearby properties and future use for higher productivity vehicles.

We have published a submissions report summarising feedback received, our responses and details of changes to the design and REF to address feedback received during the display period. A copy of this report can be viewed or downloaded from our website at [rms.work/B2G](https://rms.work/B2G).

### What changes have been made to the concept design?

We have listened to community feedback and made several design changes to address issues raised in the submissions, including:

- Replacing the proposed u-turn facility on the Golden Highway with a four-leg roundabout to improve access for nearby properties and businesses
- Building a new access road to the roundabout from the abattoir.

In addition, the following design changes have been made since the REF display:

- Improvements to the Golden Highway and New England Highway intersection including removal of an existing give way sign and line marking, providing raised traffic islands and improved merging for vehicles turning onto the Golden Highway
- Reduced median width between the New England Highway eastbound and westbound travel lanes
- Amended alignment of the flyover and eastbound entry ramp, reducing property acquisition
- Revised construction compound areas.

We have also included an updated property and land use assessment.

For more information, please view the submissions report on our website at [rms.work/B2G](https://rms.work/B2G).

## What happens next?

We will continue to develop the detailed design and work with key stakeholders and the community as the project progresses.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Natasha Waeger on 1800 945 202 or [BelfordtoGoldenHighway@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:BelfordtoGoldenHighway@rms.nsw.gov.au).

For more information on this project, visit [rms.work/B2G](https://rms.work/B2G).



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 945 202.