

New England Highway upgrade between Belford and the Golden Highway

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The NSW Government has committed \$85 million for the proposed upgrade under the Rebuilding NSW Plan.

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to upgrade the New England Highway between Belford and the Golden Highway to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety for motorists.

The proposed upgrade would include:

- Providing a divided road with two travel lanes in each direction between Belford and the Golden Highway
- A flyover for vehicles turning right from the Golden Highway towards Maitland and Newcastle
- A road corridor for future development of the New England Highway towards Singleton.

Project benefits

- Increased capacity and connectivity of the New England Highway and Golden Highway for efficient and reliable movement of freight
- Improved safety at the New England Highway and Golden Highway intersection for all road users
- Increased capacity at the New England Highway and Golden Highway intersection to cater for future growth.

Work in progress

We are working on an environmental assessment to better understand any impact the upgrade would have on the project area. These investigations include:

- Geotechnical analysis to determine ground conditions at the proposed site
- Consultation and investigation to better understand any potential impact on heritage
- Identification of plant and animal life to minimise potential impact on biodiversity.

We have been liaising with key stakeholders, including nearby land owners and Singleton Council, throughout the planning process.



INTERSECTION: New England Highway and the Golden Highway. Picture: Andrew Thompson



Artist impression: New England Highway heading west towards Singleton

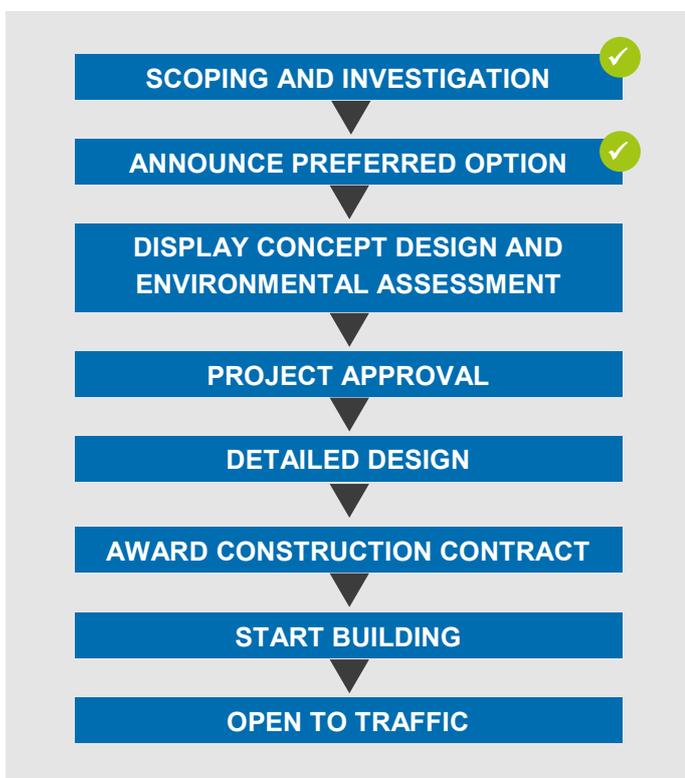


Artist impression: New England Highway, new divided road heading east towards Maitland

Next steps

The environmental assessment and concept design for the proposed upgrade will be displayed for community feedback in mid-2017.

We will keep the community and key stakeholders informed as the project progresses.



Did you know ...

Roads and Maritime is committed to improving safety and efficiency of the New England Highway.

We are investigating other important upgrades on the highway including bypassing Singleton and Muswellbrook.

Proposals to build a New England Highway bypass of Scone and to upgrade the highway at Bolivia Hill were recently approved and detailed design is now underway. More information on these projects is available at rms.nsw.gov.au

Further information

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