

## New England Highway bypass of Singleton - Submissions report

Transport for NSW is planning for a future New England Highway bypass of Singleton to improve traffic flow, travel times and safety through Singleton town centre by reduced traffic including heavy freight.

The proposed Singleton bypass would save motorists about six minutes in travel time, bypass up to five sets of traffic lights, remove about 15,000 vehicles per day from the town centre and improve safety.

The bypass includes eight kilometres of new highway with a single lane in each direction and a 1.7 kilometre bridge over the Main Northern Railway, Doughboy Hollow and Hunter River floodplains. The proposal would also include key connections at the southern and northern ends of the bypass and at Putty Road and Gowrie Gates.

An environmental assessment was carried out to identify the potential impacts of the proposed bypass and activities to reduce them. Stakeholders and the community were invited to provide their feedback between December 2019 and March 2020. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

### Community feedback

We received 154 submissions about a range of issues including:

- support for the proposal
- suggestions about making the bypass dual carriageway
- concerns around the design of the proposal
- concerns about increased congestion and impacts to the local road network
- concerns about noise and flooding.

We received a high number of submissions suggesting a dual carriageway. Traffic modelling has indicated that traffic volumes on the bypass would not reach levels where dual carriageway would be justified in the medium to long term. The proposed bypass has been designed with flexibility and can be upgraded to dual carriageway in the future if traffic volumes reach the point where it is viable.

We have published a submissions report summarising the community comments, our responses and details of the decision. The report can be viewed on the project website at [nswroads.work/singleton](https://nswroads.work/singleton).

### What happens next?

Transport for NSW will carry out further planning for the proposed bypass to finalise the concept design. We will continue keep the community informed as the project progresses.

### Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Joel Rosendahl on 1800 991 254 (during business hours) or [singleton.bypass@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:singleton.bypass@transport.nsw.gov.au). For more information on Transport for NSW projects, visit [nswroads.work/singleton](https://nswroads.work/singleton).



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