

Project update for the future New England Highway bypass of Singleton

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The NSW Government has committed \$92 million for the upgrade under Rebuilding NSW.

Roads and Maritime Services is carrying out a options assessment to select a preferred route for a future New England Highway bypass of Singleton.

A bypass would address current congestion and future traffic demands at this pinch point, as well as improve safety and travel times and reduce heavy vehicle traffic through Singleton.

Three shortlisted route options were placed on display for community feedback from 28 September to 23 October 2015. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the proposal and provide feedback.

Community feedback

A total of 168 formal submissions were received with the main issues relating to property acquisition, changes to hydrology and potential impacts on flooding, agricultural land and impact on business/trade.

We have published a community consultation report at rms.nsw.gov.au which summarises the comments, responses and details relating to the public display of the shortlisted route options.

What happens next?

Feedback received during the public display will be considered along with the outcomes of further technical investigations and a value management workshop in selecting the preferred bypass route. The preferred bypass route is expected to be displayed in the second half of 2016.

The preferred route option will be further designed and an environmental assessment will be carried out. The environmental assessment may take several years to complete and during this time the community will be asked for feedback. Timing for construction of the bypass has not been confirmed.

Contact

If you have any questions, please call the Singleton bypass inquiry line on 1800 991 254 (during business hours) or email singleton.bypass@rms.nsw.gov.au. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au