

New England Highway – Singleton bypass

Project update

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Traffic congestion on New England Highway at Singleton

The NSW Government has committed \$92 million towards the Singleton bypass under Rebuilding NSW and allocated \$3.7 million in 2018-19 to continue development of the project.

Background

The New England Highway is part of the inland Sydney to Brisbane National Land Transport Network and the primary route connecting the Upper Hunter with Maitland and Newcastle. The highway passes through the centre of Singleton and is a two lane road, restricted by numerous intersections and adjacent buildings with minimal setback from the road.

Around 26,000 vehicles, including more than 3700 trucks, travel through Singleton each day. Traffic has increased in recent years, with coal mining industry commuters and heavy vehicles identified as

a major contributor. Traffic volumes are predicted to increase in the next 25 years. The planned bypass of Singleton would improve the movement of freight and journeys for current and future traffic demands.

A preferred route option was announced in December 2016 and involves building a new section of highway west of Singleton across the floodplain, starting near Newington Lane and rejoining the New England Highway north of McDougalls Hill.

Work in progress

We are currently working on the concept design and environmental assessment to better understand any impact the bypass would have on the project area. These investigations include:

- Geotechnical investigations to determine ground conditions at the proposed site
- Consultation and investigations to better understand any potential heritage impacts
- Identification of plant and animal life to minimise potential impacts.

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

Project benefits

- Improve traffic flow and travel times for freight and general traffic along the New England Highway travelling through the Hunter region
- Improve safety through Singleton town centre by reduced traffic including heavy freight
- Improve the Singleton town centre amenity.



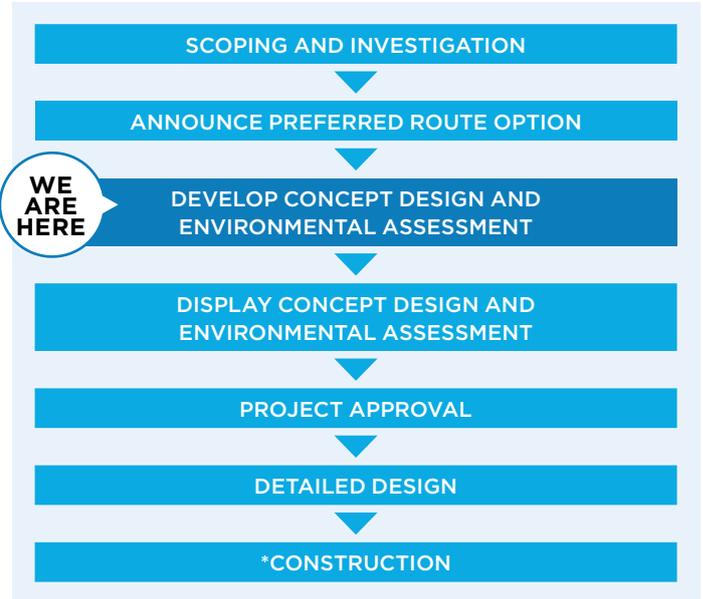
Drilling to determine ground conditions

Next steps

The environmental assessment and concept design for the proposed bypass will be displayed for community feedback in late 2019.

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

Project development process



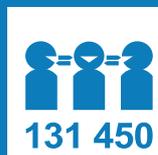
*Timing for construction of the bypass has not been confirmed and is subject to approval and funding availability.

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