

## Project update for New England Highway and rail bridge upgrade at Gowrie Gates

**The NSW Government has allocated \$500,000 to continue planning for the upgrade which would benefit the local and wider community.**

Roads and Maritime Services together with the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) are planning an upgrade of the Singleton railway underpass. The widened underpass would improve road and rail freight access through the Hunter Valley.

A review of environmental factors (REF) was carried out to assess the potential impacts of the proposal and identify mitigation activities. The REF was placed on display for community comment from Tuesday 9 June to Tuesday 7 July 2015. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the document and provide feedback.

### Community feedback

A total of eight submissions were received with the main issues relating to option analysis, funding, budget, environmental impacts, traffic and transport, noise and vibration and urban design.

We have published a submissions report summarising the comments, responses and details of the decision. A copy of this report can be viewed or downloaded from the Roads and Maritime website at [rms.nsw.gov.au](http://rms.nsw.gov.au) and follow the links to Hunter road projects.

### What happens next?

The REF was finalised in July 2015. ARTC will call tenders later this year to carry out the detailed design.

We will continue to inform the community and stakeholders as the project progresses,

### Contact

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