The NSW Government is planning for the future by reserving a new road corridor between Richmond Road, Marsden Park and Windsor Road, Vineyard. This is part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy that was confirmed by the NSW Government in July 2015.

Background
The population of the North West Priority Land Release Area (previously called the North West Growth Centre) is expected to increase to about 200,000 people in the next 20–30 years. This rise in population and development will generate an increase in traffic in the area. The North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy aims to improve traffic flow within the Riverstone Town Centre in the short-term, provide alternate crossings of the Richmond railway line in the medium to long-term and manage future traffic impacts of the North West Priority Land Release Area. The road network upgrades will be delivered in these three key phases, subject to funding availability.

As part of the medium-term road network upgrades, Roads and Maritime Services has identified a preferred Bandon Road corridor that includes:
- A new 6km road connection between Richmond Road and Windsor Road through Marsden Park North, Riverstone West, Riverstone and Vineyard precincts
- A new road underpass of the Richmond railway line north of Vineyard Railway Station level-crossing.

The community is now being invited to have a say on this preferred corridor until Friday 2 September 2016.
Preferred corridor
The Bandon Road preferred corridor connects Richmond Road and Windsor Road through Marsden Park North, Riverstone West, Riverstone and Vineyard precincts. This preferred corridor would provide an extra road connection between Richmond Road and Windsor Road to reduce traffic congestion within Riverstone and provide alternative access across the North West Priority Land Release Area. The Bandon Road preferred corridor is part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy medium-term work and is subject to funding availability.

An Options Report for the Bandon Road preferred corridor has been prepared and details the analysis of corridor options and the process to select the preferred corridor. The report is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/nwplra or search for Riverstone – North West Priority Land Release Area.

The community is now being invited to have a say on the Bandon Road preferred corridor. We are accepting feedback until Friday 2 September 2016.

Features
The preferred corridor would cater for:
• A new four lane divided road including a central median to allow for future widening
• An off-road shared path for pedestrians and cyclists
• A new road underpass of the Richmond railway line at Vineyard
• Traffic light intersections and a central median to improve road safety.

Benefits
The preferred corridor would:
• Provide an extra road connection between Richmond Road and Windsor Road
• Reduce congestion in the Riverstone Town Centre by providing a road underpass of the Richmond railway line at Vineyard
• Improve access to Vineyard Railway Station
• Improve access to Riverstone Industrial Area, Marsden Park, Marsden Park North, Riverstone West, Riverstone and Vineyard precincts
• Allow for local and cross regional pedestrian and cyclist access needs
• Provide an upgrade and realignment of existing flood evacuation route on Wallace Road and Hamilton Street
• Increase road capacity to meet the future needs of the North West Priority Land Release Area.

Selection of a preferred corridor
The options development process involved technical and specialist input, strategic design, and consultation with key stakeholders including the Department of Planning and Environment, Transport for NSW, Blacktown City Council and Hawkesbury City Council. Several corridor options were developed and later evaluated in a value management workshop attended by key stakeholders. The preferred corridor was identified and the Options Report provides more detail on the development and selection process.
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Westminster Street traffic lights
The NSW Government is funding this project to improve travel times and safety at the intersection of Westminster Street and Railway Terrace, Schofields. Roads and Maritime sought comments from the community and stakeholders on installing traffic lights at the intersection in August 2015. A report summarising issues raised during consultation and our responses is available from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwplra. Construction started in April 2016 and is due to be complete by late 2016.

This project is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.

Denmark Link Road
As part of the short-term work proposed for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy, Roads and Maritime is planning a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road, Riverstone to Westminster Street, Schofields.

A number of options were developed and an assessment was carried out with key stakeholders to select a preferred option. An Options Report has been prepared detailing the process carried out in the selection of the preferred option. Comments on this proposal closed on Friday 18 December 2015.

A report summarising issues raised during consultation and our response is being prepared.

Richmond Road upgrade
Richmond Road is being upgraded from a two lane road north of Bells Creek Bridge, Colebee to the South Creek floodplain. The upgrade will see Richmond Road widened to a four lane road with provision for six lanes in the future. Stage 1 between Bells Creek and Townson Road was complete and open for traffic in July 2014.

Work on the Richmond Road upgrade from Townson Road to north of Garfield Road West is well underway and expected to be complete in late 2016. This project is progressing well with all four lanes opened to traffic between Townson Road and Grange Avenue.

This work forms part of the NSW Government funded $96 million Richmond Road upgrade between Townson Road and north of Garfield Road West to increase road capacity and improve safety in the North West Priority Land Release Area.

Schofields Road upgrade
The NSW Government is funding the $340 million upgrade of Schofields Road between Windsor Road and Richmond Road. Schofields Road is being upgraded to form a major east-west link from Rouse Hill to Marsden Park.

Stage 1 between Windsor Road and Tallawong Road was opened to traffic in June 2014. Work is well underway on Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road and is expected to be complete in early 2017. Stage 3 of this upgrade from Veron Road to Richmond Road includes an extension of Schofields Road across Eastern Creek to Carnarvon Road and widening along the alignment of South Street. Work on this final section started in March 2016 and is expected to be complete by late 2018.
Have your say

We are seeking feedback on the Bandon Road preferred corridor by **Friday 2 September 2016**. Please send your comments to:

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PO Box 973  
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Community information sessions

We will host two community information sessions where the project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback. A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to drop in at any time during the information sessions.

**Thursday 11 August from 5–8pm**  
Vineyard Church  
357 Windsor Road, Vineyard

**Saturday 13 August 10am–1pm**  
Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre  
Sam Lane Community Complex  
Park Street, Riverstone

Further information and feedback

For further information about the preferred corridor, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

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What are the next steps?

All comments received will be considered in decision making and development of the concept design. Following consultation for the preferred corridor, a report summarising comments received and our responses will be published.

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* Subject to project approval and funding availability

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