

Project update



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ADDITIONAL CROSSING OF CLARENCE RIVER, GRAFTON

The NSW Government is funding a second crossing over the Clarence River in Grafton. Planning approval is now in place for the additional crossing to be built about 70 metres downstream of the existing Grafton Bridge. Preliminary work on the project is planned to start early next year.

The new crossing will connect the Pacific and Gwydir highways at South Grafton with Villiers Street in Grafton, via Pound Street.

An environmental impact statement was displayed for community comment from 20 August to 19 September 2014.

Following the display, 22 submissions were received on the project. A report responding to these submissions is available on the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/grafonbridge

Preliminary work

The approval allows us to start preliminary work in early 2015 to address existing traffic issues around the intersection of the Gwydir and Pacific highways (at Charles Street).

This work includes widening the Gwydir Highway between the Pacific Highway and Bent Street to four lanes, which will deliver immediate benefits to traffic flow. A location map is shown overleaf.

Other activities ahead of major work starting will include survey and investigations to help inform the detailed design.

Next steps

The project team is preparing to call for tenders to complete detailed design and build the project.

Roads and Maritime will continue to consult with community members, government agencies and other stakeholders during the detailed design and building phases of the project.

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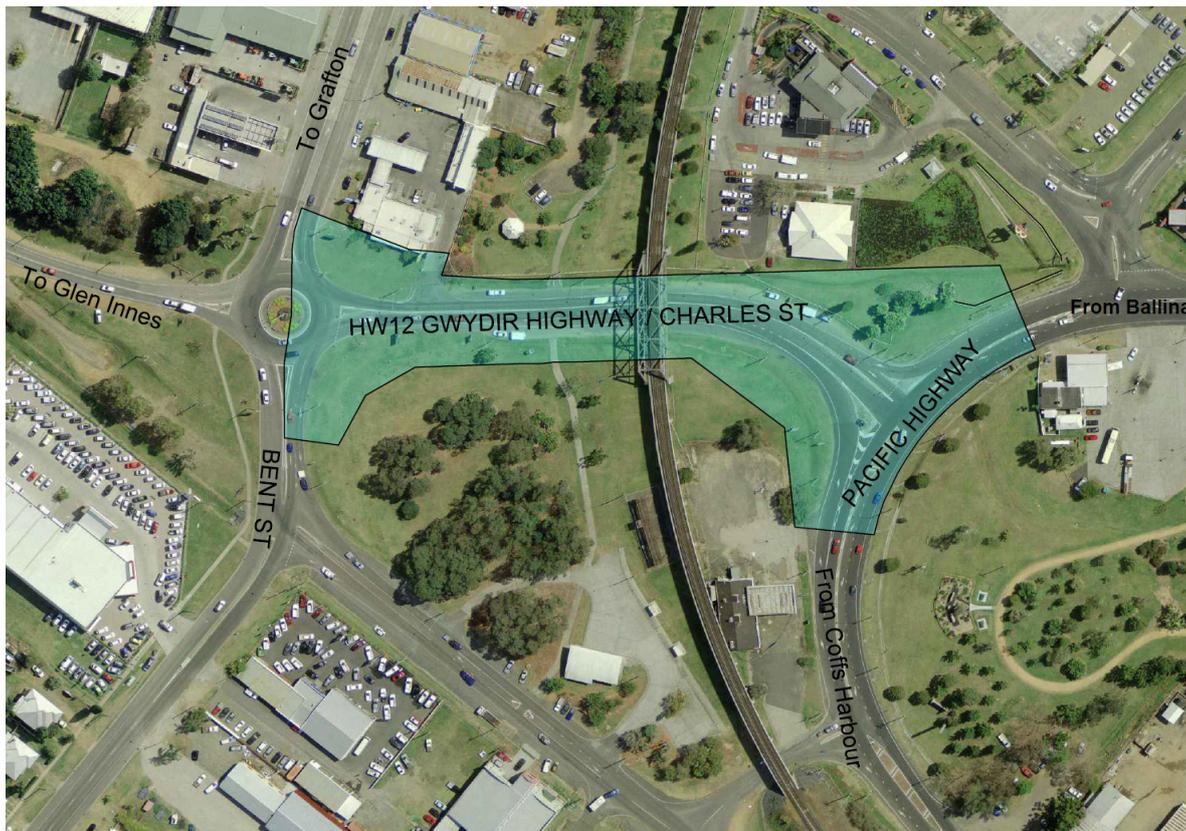
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Preliminary work location map



Gwydir Highway/Charles Street will be upgraded to two lanes in each direction between the Pacific Highway and Bent Street.