

GUNNEDAH SECOND ROAD OVER RAIL BRIDGE

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Review of environmental factors finalised

To assess the potential environmental and social impacts of the proposed second road over rail bridge, a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared and placed on display for public comment for a three week period in June 2015.

The feedback received by Roads and Maritime Services (Roads and Maritime) relating to the proposal and the REF has been collated in the *Submissions Report* (July 2015) and is available on the project website.

Roads and Maritime received 21 submissions which were individually examined to understand and respond to the issues raised. The main issues related to:

- Design of the proposal
- Property acquisitions
- Vehicle and pedestrian access across the New Street level crossing
- Construction activities
- Traffic impacts.

After considering the issues raised, no changes have been made to the REF or the proposal. On this basis the project will go ahead as proposed.

Roads and Maritime would like to thank everyone who reviewed the REF and provided feedback.

Project background

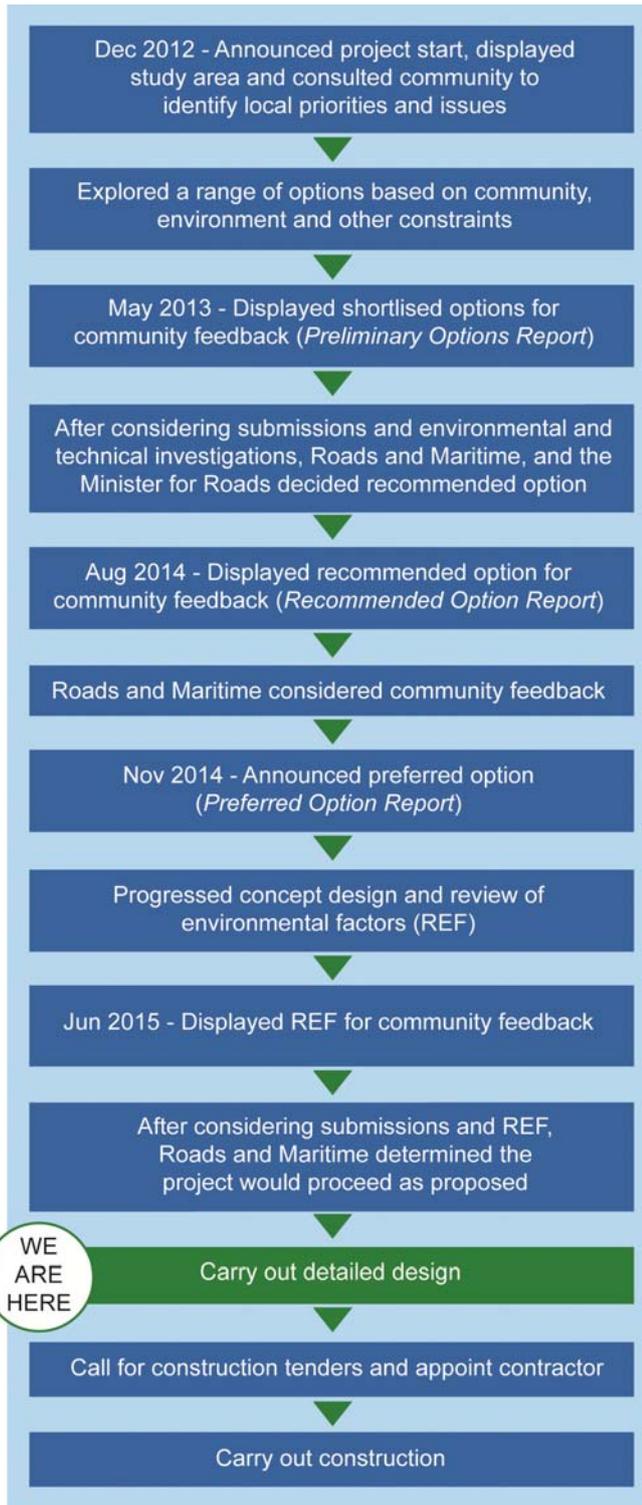
The second road over rail bridge will provide an unrestricted Higher Mass Limit (HML) freight route through Gunnedah and improve local traffic efficiency and road safety. The new route replaces the existing New Street level crossing, which will be permanently closed as part of this project.

This project is funded under the NSW Government's Bridges for the Bush program designed to improve road freight productivity by replacing or upgrading bridges across regional NSW.

A range of technical, environmental and social investigations and concept designs were carried out to develop and assess the options for a second road over rail bridge.

The new bridge will be built west of the Gunnedah Maize Mill linking the Oxley Highway with Warrabungle Street. In addition to building a new bridge, the project includes:

- Upgrade of the Oxley Highway roundabout
- New roundabout at the intersection of Warrabungle and Conadilly streets (underway)
- New intersection of Warrabungle and Barber streets
- Shared path for cyclists and pedestrians.



What happens next?

Detailed design is underway. Once the detailed design is complete, tenders will be invited for construction of the project.

Roads and Maritime is continuing to work with Gunnedah Shire Council to deliver the early work on the new roundabout at the intersection of Conadilly and Warrabungle streets. Work on this roundabout is expected to be completed later this year.

Roads and Maritime will continue to inform the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.

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