The NSW Government has committed $30 million to connect the South Batemans Bay Link Road to the Princes Highway.

**Background**

Road and Maritime Services is progressing plans for the South Batemans Bay Link Road project and has carried out investigations and assessments to identify a preferred option.

The preferred option includes a new two lane road and intersection to connect the Princes Highway to the South Batemans Bay Link Road.

Four intersection options were investigated and assessed to identify the preferred option.

These options were comparatively assessed against:

- Road safety standards
- Traffic efficiency
- Environmental impacts
- Property and community needs
- Construction and design benefits (constructability)
- Delivery cost and budget.

To provide a safe and efficient intersection, we have identified a *roundabout* as the preferred option.

A Preferred Option Report which outlines the identification and assessment of options in more detail is available at [rms.work/sbblr](rms.work/sbblr)

**Key benefits of the project include:**

- Provide a safe and efficient connection between the Princes Highway and south Batemans Bay villages for residents, visitors and freight
- Help ease congestion in the Batemans Bay central business district
- Reduce severity of crashes on the Princes Highway between Cranbrook Road and Lattas Point Road.

Would you like to know more about this project or have your say?

Come chat to our project team, view the full report or get in touch with us – see back page for details.
Preferred option – roundabout

To Batemans Bay

Princes Highway

Preferred option – roundabout

Seagull

Left in left out

Channelised right turn

Other options

To Batehaven

Princes Highway

Princes Highway

Princes Highway
The preferred option

The preferred option is a roundabout at the intersection of the South Batemans Bay Link Road and the Princes Highway.

In comparison to the other options, a roundabout was found to be the best option as it:

- Provides for all traffic movements between the South Batemans Bay Link Road and the Princes Highway.
- Improves safety on the Princes Highway by reducing the speed limit.
- Is a safer intersection as it has limited conflict points.
- Is easier to build.
- Has the least impact on the Princes Highway during construction.
- Has the least impact on property, fauna habitat and other environmental considerations.
- Provides good value for money.

How will the roundabout work?

The roundabout option provides a bypass lane for vehicles travelling north on the Princes Highway, allowing traffic to flow without entering the roundabout.

In the southbound direction, two lanes provide access to the roundabout, with a single lane to enter and exit the roundabout from the South Batemans Bay Link Road.

Vehicles turning right from the South Batemans Bay Link Road (to travel north) will have a dedicated lane on the Princes Highway until about 200 metres north of the roundabout.

How will the local environment be managed?

Roads and Maritime is carrying out a full environmental assessment that will outline the environmental impacts and how they will be addressed. The environmental assessment will be on display for community comment in 2020.

Option identification and assessment

Four options were identified for assessment for the project. Each option had a similar road design, with different intersection types.

A comparative assessment was carried out on each of the four options based on a number of technical studies and investigations.

Each option was ranked in order of how well it met the assessment criteria. A ranking of “1” indicated the best option when compared to the others. The results are shown in the below table and more information is available in the Preferred Option Report.

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Save travel time

Better, safer and more reliable trips for people, business and freight

Improving traffic flow
Meet the project team

During November, the project team will be at the following locations to give residents an opportunity to meet the team and find out about the project and the preferred option. A formal presentation will not be given, so please drop in at any time.

**Batemans Bay Sunday Markets**
Sunday 3 November, 8am to 1pm
Corrigan’s Beach Reserve, Batehaven

**Village Centre**
Thursday 7 November, 2pm to 6pm
1 Perry Street, Batemans Bay

Display locations

More information on the preferred option will be available at unstaffed displays until **Friday 22 November** at the following locations:
- Batemans Bay Library, Batemans Bay
- Service NSW, Batemans Bay
- Eurobodalla Council Building, Moruya
- Moruya Library, Moruya.

What happens next?

We are now seeking feedback on the preferred option.

We will use feedback from the community and stakeholders to further develop the project. We will also soon be starting an environmental impact assessment for the proposal which will have more detailed information about the design features, potential benefits and impacts. The community and stakeholders will have further opportunities to provide feedback.

Visit our website [rms.work/sbblr](http://rms.work/sbblr) for more information and to provide your feedback.

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**Contact Us**

The preferred option will be on display until 22 November 2019. For more information or to contact the project team:

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