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# The Northern Road upgrade – Mersey Road to Glenmore Parkway

## Proposal to install traffic signals at Adams Road/The Northern Road

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**The Australian and NSW governments have given planning approval to upgrade The Northern Road between Mersey Road and Glenmore Parkway as part of the \$3.6 billion Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan to improve safety, increase road capacity and reduce travel times and congestion in the future.**

Roads and Maritime Services has further refined the design for the approved upgrade, including the bridge over Adams Road, Luddenham and are now proposing to replace the bridge with traffic signals.

### **What are the changes from what was displayed during the EIS?**

The design displayed during the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) from June – August 2017 was for twin bridges over Adams Road. Following refinement of the design, it is now proposed to replace these bridges with a set of traffic signals with all movements at that location.

### **Why is the design being changed?**

With a bridge, access to the upgraded The Northern Road was not directly available from Adams Road.

The bridge would have impacted a number of properties on Adams Road during construction and operation of The Northern Road at that location. Increased noise, vibration and the importation of a large amount of fill material with resultant dust during construction were identified as potentially impacting nearby residents. The bridge structure was likely to have a negative visual impact on the surrounding community.

Additionally, refinement of the design identified that a set of traffic lights with all movements at that location provided greater overall benefits to residents and businesses in the area and was more economically viable.

### **What were the options considered**

Three options were considered for the change in design. The options and their benefits have been assessed in an Options Report which can be viewed on our website at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad).

## What is the proposed new design?

The preferred design is a set of traffic signals with all movements to/from The Northern Road and Adams Road.



This provides the following benefits:

- greatest level of connectivity for Adams Road and Luddenham town centre
- a full four-way interchange at the location with bus lanes on The Northern Road
- pedestrian and cyclist crossing facilities
- ability to turn left into Adams Road, both eastbound and westbound
- reduced construction timing and an overall reduction in earthworks reduced visual impacts
- environmental benefits during construction and operation

## What is the impact on properties and access?

- There will be some additional property acquisition required and these property owners have been consulted by Roads and Maritime.
- All existing access arrangements for properties on Adams Road will be maintained with some minor changes which will take place in consultation with property owners.

## What is the impact on traffic using The Northern Road

Vehicles using The Northern Road in the future will be required to travel through an additional set of traffic lights at Adams Road. Due to the relatively low volume of vehicles using Adams Road, the forecast for additional delays for traffic travelling north or south on The Northern Road is minimal.

## Have your say

Roads and Maritime has prepared an Options Report identifying the features and a comparison of all the options. This is available to view on the website [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/thenorthernroad).

This document identifies the impacts of the change, including noise, visual amenity, traffic, access and safety.

If you would like to comment on this proposal, please do so by **Friday 28 September 2018** by contacting us as per the adjacent details.

The project team will be available in the Luddenham IGA on **Thursday 6 September 2018 from 3 pm to 7pm** to explain the options and answer any questions you may have.

## What happens next?

Roads and Maritime will consider all feedback received and after making any changes required, submit an application to the Department of Planning and Environment to modify the project.

### Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on The Northern Road upgrade please contact our project team:



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