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New England Highway – Singleton bypass

Project update

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Background

The Australian Government has committed \$560 million and the NSW Government \$140 million to build the Singleton bypass. The bypass will improve travel times, freight efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

The New England Highway is part of the inland Sydney to Brisbane National Land Transport Network and the primary route connecting the Upper Hunter with Maitland and Newcastle.

The highway passes through the centre of Singleton and carries around 26,000 vehicles, including more than 3700 heavy vehicles, each day.

Traffic volumes are predicted to increase in the next 25 years. The planned bypass of Singleton will improve the movement of freight and journeys for current and future traffic demands.

A preferred option for the bypass was announced in 2016 and involves building a new section of highway west of Singleton across the floodplain, starting near Newington Lane and rejoining the New England Highway north of McDougalls Hill.

The concept design and environmental assessment were displayed for public comment from December 2019 to March 2020, and the project was approved in August 2020.

In April 2021, the NSW Government announced the project would include a full interchange at Putty Road to provide access to the town centre from the bypass.

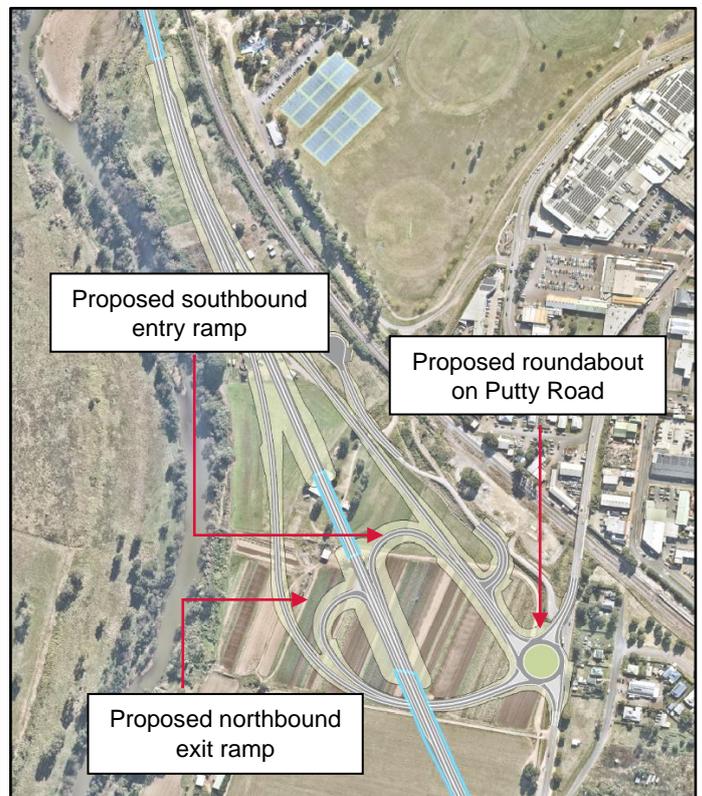
Work in progress

We are currently carrying out additional environmental assessments to inform a revised design to include the full Putty Road interchange and changes to the southern connection.

Work on the ground includes:

- Additional geotechnical investigations to further assess ground conditions for detailed design
- Utility investigations
- Survey to determine final project boundaries
- Discussions with directly affected property owners continuing.

We continue to liaise with key stakeholders, including nearby landowners, Aboriginal groups and Singleton Council during pre-construction activities.



Concept design showing proposed full Putty Road interchange

Key features

The bypass will include:

- About eight kilometres of new highway with a single lane in each direction
- A 1.8 kilometre bridge over the Main Northern Railway, Doughboy Hollow and Hunter River floodplains
- Connections at the southern and northern ends of the bypass, at Putty Road and at Gowrie Gates
- A 600 metre bridge as part of changes to the southern connection.

Project benefits

- Improve traffic flow and travel times for freight and general traffic along the New England Highway travelling through Singleton
- Improve safety through the town centre by reducing traffic including heavy vehicles
- Improve the amenity of the Singleton town centre by removing significant amounts of through traffic.

Next steps

An addendum review of environmental factors will be published in late 2022 to include the proposed full interchange at Putty Road and a change to the southern connection to include the new 600 metre bridge.

We plan to invite registrations of interest to build the bypass in July 2022, with early work expected to start in early 2023 and the bypass opened to traffic by the end of 2026.

We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.



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