

Berry to Bomaderry Princes Highway upgrade



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Final concept road design

The NSW Government is funding the Princes Highway upgrade between Berry and Bomaderry. Roads and Maritime Services has now finalised the concept design. In recent months the project team has considered the community feedback received since the November 2013 display and incorporated it, where possible, into the final concept design.

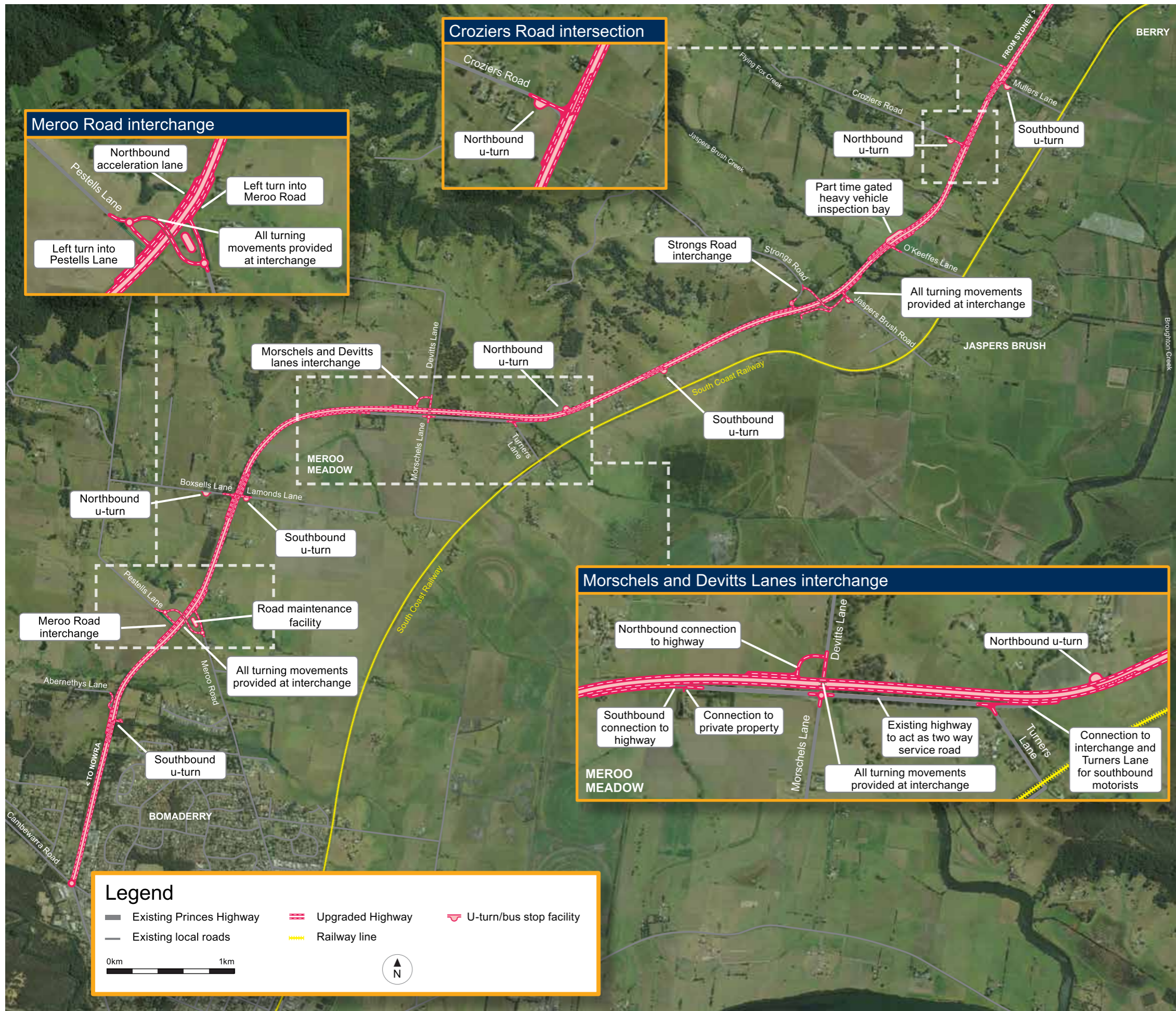


View of the Princes Highway at Meroo Meadow, looking towards Bomaderry

The project team has been meeting with affected property owners and stakeholders about property acquisition to minimise any potential impacts the highway upgrade may have on their property.

In December 2014 we awarded the detailed design contract to Hyder Consulting. Work on the detailed design is expected to be completed in early 2016.

This highway upgrade will progress Roads and Maritime Services' commitment to provide four lanes of divided highway between Sydney and Jervis Bay Road.



Changes to the concept road design since November 2013

A concept design and review of environmental factors were put on display in November 2013. As a result of the feedback received, changes have been made to the concept design including:

- Motorists now being able to turn right into O'Keeffes Lane. A right turning bay for northbound traffic on the Princes Highway will be provided at this intersection improving access and safety for local residents and business operators.
- The overpasses at Jaspers Brush / Strongs Road and at Pestells Lane / Meroo Road, and the underpass at Morschels Lane / Devitts Lane will now include a pedestrian footpath and two metre wide road shoulders for cyclists.
- Flying Fox Creek Bridge will be lengthened to allow for private vehicle access under the bridge. This will provide safer access arrangements for property owners.
- A u-turn bay to be built on Boxsells Lane about 230 metres west of the intersection with the highway. This will improve access for local residents and business operators and provide a safer option for motorists making a u-turn in Boxsells Lane.
- Wildlife friendly features at Flying Fox Creek, Jaspers Brush Creek and Wileys Creek. These features will help animals cross under the highway.

Other changes that improve property access arrangements, reduce impacts to public utilities and the number of properties affected by the upgrade include:

- Relocating the previously planned interchange at Pestells Lane and Meroo Road north by about 50 metres. This will help reduce private property, visual and public utility impacts.
- Refining the design of the interchange at Morschels and Devitts lanes. This will help minimise traffic impacts to motorists while it is being built and improve safety for motorists and workers during construction. It will also allow locally significant trees to be maintained at this location.

The project team has consulted with directly affected property owners and stakeholders about the above design changes.

Current activities

Roads and Maritime is progressing work on the detailed design for the project.

Property acquisition and geotechnical investigations are currently underway and will continue until late 2015.

We have started recovering Aboriginal Heritage items in the project area and carrying out archival recording of non Aboriginal heritage items.

Upcoming activities

Surveyors will start investigations to understand utility services and their impacts.

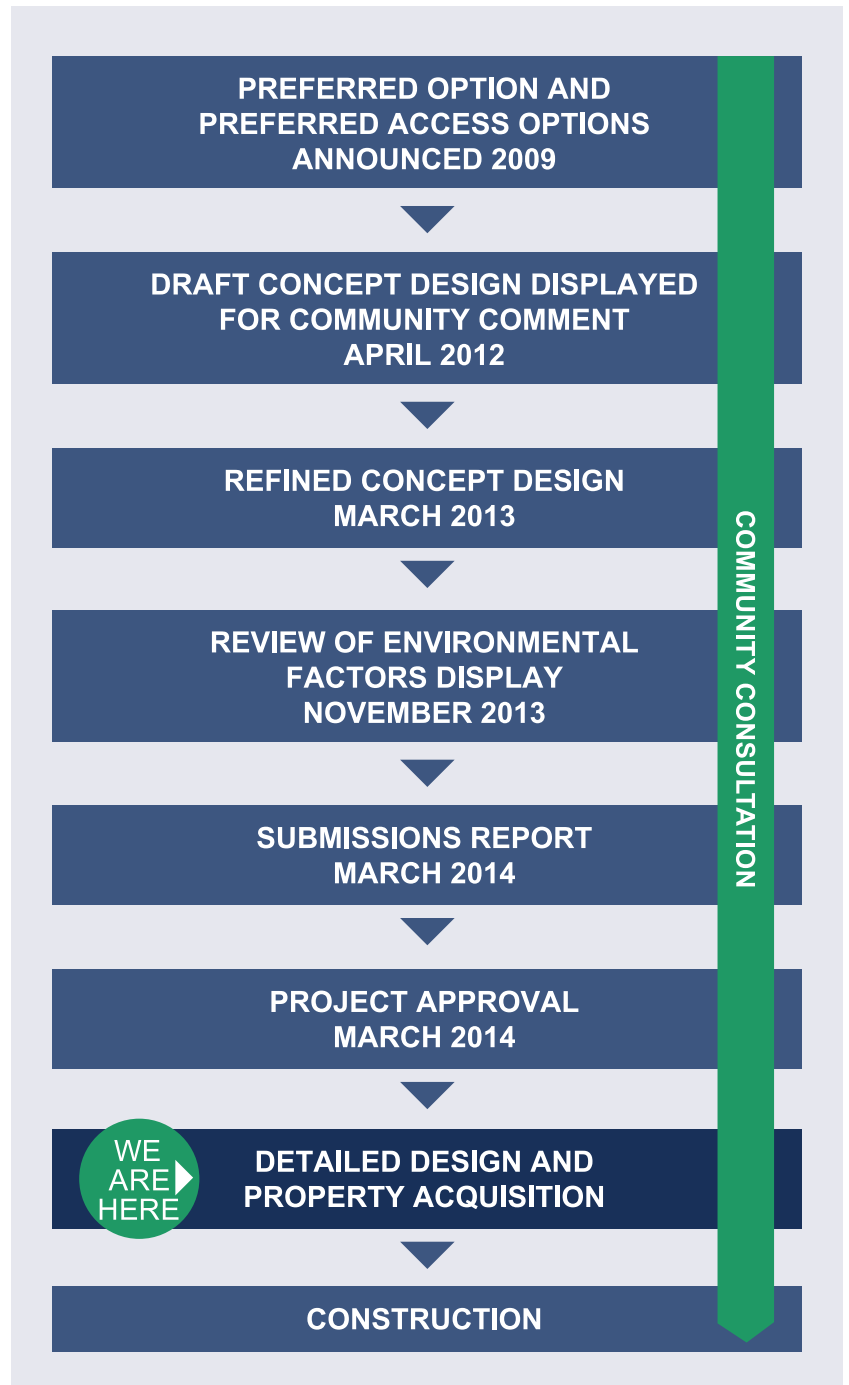
Property owners will be contacted prior to this work being carried out.

Project animation

To view the project animation, please visit the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/bbu



Project flow chart



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