



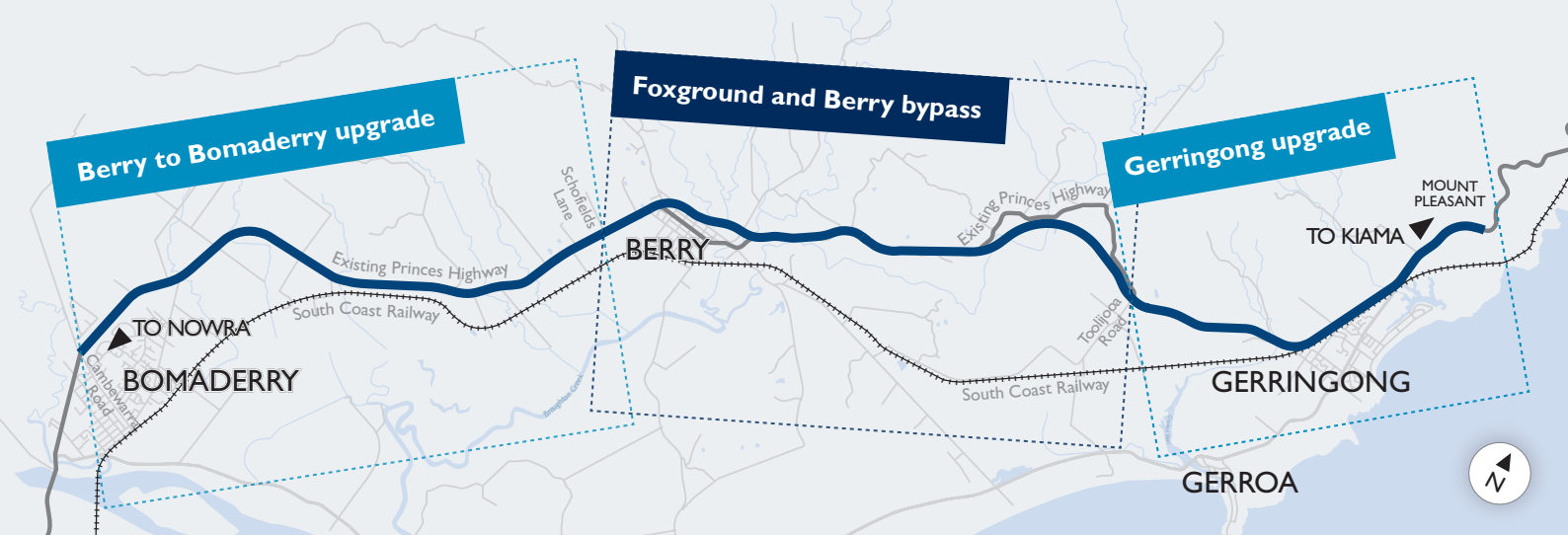
Transport
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Foxground and Berry bypass

Princes Highway upgrade

Environmental assessment

November 2012



This community update outlines the environmental assessment carried out for the proposed Princes Highway upgrade, Foxground and Berry bypass project. The project is being assessed as a transitional project under Part 3A of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*.

The environmental assessment responds to the assessment requirements issued by the Director-General of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure. The environmental assessment also assesses the impacts associated with the project and identifies management measures to minimise these impacts. It reviews the potential environmental, economic and social benefits of the project.

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is now placing the environmental assessment on display for community comment. Written submissions to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure **must be received no later than Monday 17 December 2012**. This update contains information about the environmental assessment and how to make a submission.

Background

In June 2009, RMS announced the preferred route and preferred access options for the Foxground and Berry bypass project. Since 2009, RMS has worked with project stakeholders and the community to adjust and improve the concept design, in line with project objectives. Adjustments that have been made include:

- Changing the location of the southbound flood free access to Berry.
- Modifying the alignment and level of the Berry bypass to the north of Berry, including the bridge at Berry and diverting Town Creek into Bundewallah Creek.
- Refining the southern interchange for Berry at Kangaroo Valley Road and preserving the future use of Mark Radium Park.

Foxground and Berry bypass objectives

The objectives for the proposed Princes Highway Foxground and Berry bypass are:

- Improving road safety.
- Improving the efficiency of the Princes Highway (between Toolijooa Road and Schofields Lane).
- Supporting regional and local economic development.
- Providing value for money.
- Enhancing potential beneficial environmental effects and managing potential adverse environmental impacts.
- Optimising the benefits and minimising adverse impacts on the local social environment.



Existing Princes Highway at Mark Radium Park



Existing Princes Highway near Toolijooa Road

Project need

The Princes Highway is the main north-south transport corridor linking Sydney and Wollongong to the NSW south coast and north-eastern Victoria. It is an important freight and bus route, particularly beyond Bomaderry where the existing rail service terminates. The Princes Highway is also a major route for tourist destinations, including Berry, with peak traffic experienced on weekends and during holiday periods.

The project is one of a series of upgrades to sections of the Princes Highway which aims to provide a four lane divided route between Sydney and Jervis Bay Road, Falls Creek. This would improve road safety and traffic efficiency for freight and light vehicles on the NSW south coast.

Upgrade features

The Foxground and Berry bypass project would provide a four-lane divided highway (two lanes each direction) with median separation for 11.6 kilometres of the Princes Highway between Toolijooa Road and Schofields Lane. The alignment would include bypasses of the winding section of highway near Foxground and the Berry township with access ramps at the north and south of town.

Some features of the upgrade include:

- Around 6.6 kilometres of new highway, including bypasses of the Foxground bends and the Berry township.
- Grade separated interchanges at Toolijooa Road, Austral Park Road, Tindalls Lane and the northern and southern interchanges for Berry.
- A cutting about 25 metres deep at Toolijooa Ridge, bypassing the Foxground bends.
- Six lanes through the cutting at Toolijooa Ridge for a distance of 1.5 kilometres, providing two lanes and a climbing lane in each direction.
- Three bridge crossings at Broughton Creek and a bridge at Berry.
- An upgrade and extension of Austral Park Road.
- A roundabout at the junction of Woodhill Mountain Road and the existing Princes Highway.
- A diversion of Town Creek into Bundewallah Creek.
- Proposed local road closures at North and Victoria streets.
- New property accesses and access roads. Left-in / left-out only for direct property access to the upgraded highway.
- Wildlife crossings (rope bridges and underpasses) to maintain existing wildlife corridors.

Key issues assessed

The following key issues are assessed in the environmental assessment in response to the requirements of the Director-General of the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure:

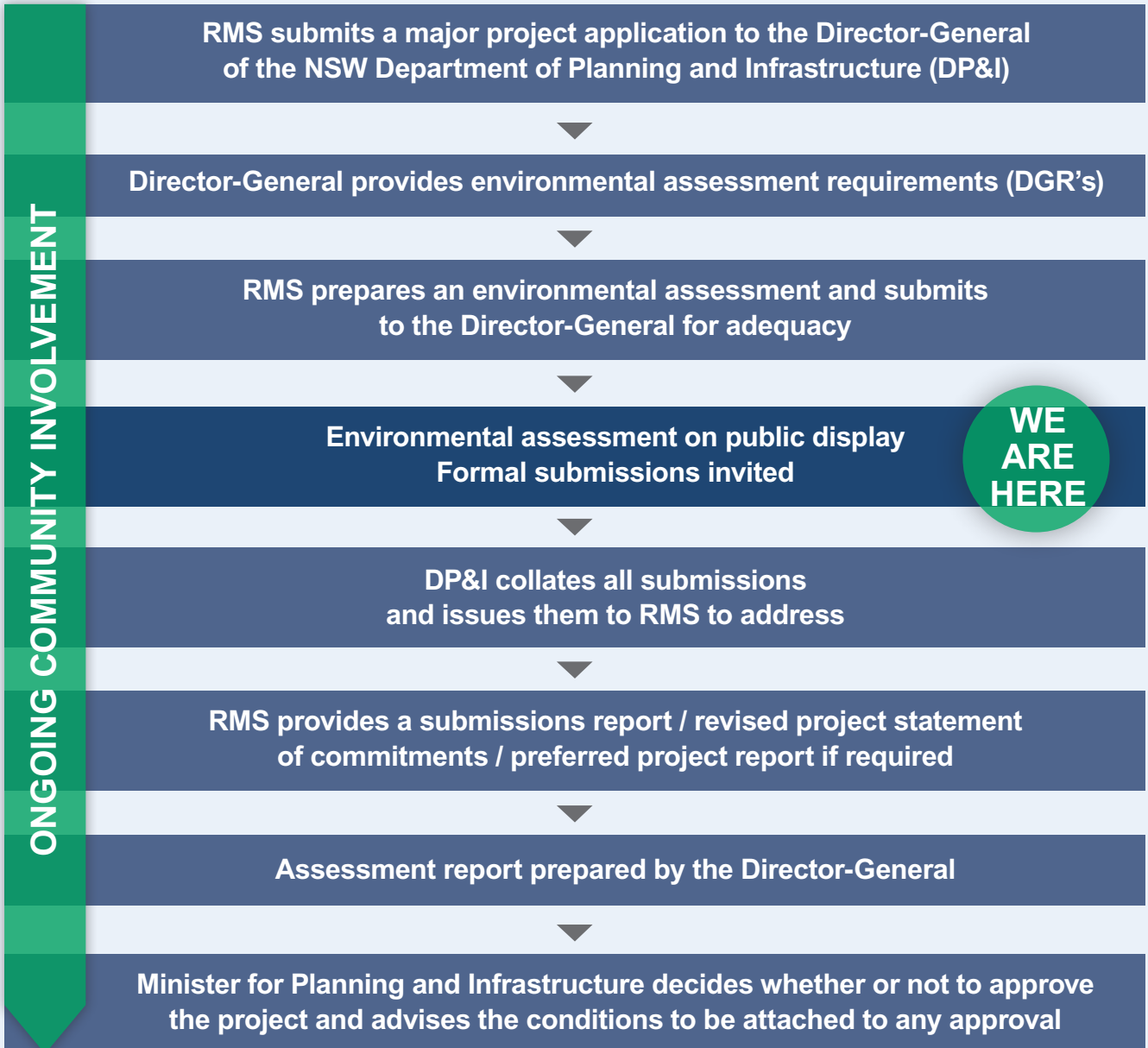
- **Traffic and transport**
Section 7.1 and Appendix D
- **Noise and vibration**
Section 7.2 and Appendix E
- **Biodiversity**
Section 7.3 and Appendices F and G
- **Surface water and groundwater**
Section 7.4 and Appendix H
- **Flooding**
Section 7.5 and Appendix H
- **Landscape character and visual amenity**
Section 7.6 and Appendix I
- **Aboriginal cultural and non-Aboriginal (historic) heritage**
Sections 7.7 and 7.8 and Appendices J and K
- **Land use and property**
Section 7.9 and Appendix L
- **Socio-economic**
Section 7.10 and Appendix M

Environmental assessment report available

The environmental assessment report is available on the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb or on CD on request.



The planning and decisions making process



Have your say

Your comment on the proposed Foxground and Berry bypass project is welcome.

You are invited to make a written submission on the project during the display period. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure requests that your submission include:

- Your name and address.
- Your comments on the project.
- Whether you support or object to the project or if you are just providing comments.

Written submissions must be received no later than Monday 17 December 2012.

The Department of Planning and Infrastructure prefers to receive written submissions online via their **website** at **www.planning.nsw.gov.au**. Select Development Assessment Systems > Major Project Register > Search > enter Foxground and Berry bypass.

If you cannot lodge your submission online it can be sent

via **email** to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au

or via **mail** to Director — Infrastructure Projects
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001.



Existing Princes Highway near Austral Park Road

Important information if you are making a submission

- All submissions made to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure during the public display will be posted on the Department's website. If requested, your name can be removed to protect your privacy but you must request this in your submission. For more on the Department's privacy policy please go to **www.planning.nsw.gov.au**.
- You must disclose if you or an associate have made a political donation of \$1000 or more during the past two years. Please go to **www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations** for more information.

Foxground and Berry bypass concept design

Berry southern interchange

North Street connection to Rawlings Lane and u-turn facility

Kangaroo Valley Road bridge over the highway

Town Creek diversion

North Street cul-de-sac

North Street cul-de-sac with property access

Victoria Street cul-de-sac with property access

TO KIAMA

TO NOWRA

Austral Park Road interchange

Northbound off-ramp connecting to the existing Princes Highway

Existing Princes Highway

Broughton Creek 3

Two way connector road over the highway

Southbound on-ramp

TO KIAMA

TO NOWRA

Austral Park Road interchange (see inset for detail)

Tomlins Lane

TO KIAMA

Toolijooa Road interchange (see inset for detail)

Tie-in with Gerringong upgrade

TO KIAMA

Toolijooa Road interchange

Intersection of Toolijooa Road and existing highway

Extent of project

Realigned Toolijooa Road with highway underpass

Bus stop facility

TO NOWRA

TO KIAMA

Tindalls Lane interchange

Tindalls Lane bus stop (existing)

At-grade junction left-in/left-out only

At-grade junction left-in/left-out only

Highway overpass

Road maintenance facility site

TO KIAMA

TO NOWRA

Berry northern interchange

Northbound on-ramp and highway underpass

A 600 metre long bridge at Berry

Southbound off-ramp to Berry

Roundabout at Woodhill Mountain Road intersection

TO KIAMA

TO NOWRA

Berry northern interchange (see inset for detail)

Woodhill Mountain Road

Tannery Road

TO KIAMA

Berry southern interchange (see inset for detail)

Rawlings Lane

North Street

TO KIAMA

Extent of project

Mullers Lane u-turn facility

Tie-in to existing highway

TO NOWRA

FOXGROUND

BROUGHTON VILLAGE

TOOLIJOOA

FOXGROUND bends

Toolijooa Ridge

TO KIAMA

LEGEND					
	Upgraded highway		Fill		Fauna rope bridge over and under bridge
	Access roads		Cut		Dedicated fauna underpass
	Existing Princes Highway		Noise mitigation in line with discussions in 2011/2012		Dual use underpass (Fauna and drainage)
	Highway tie-in		Traffic flow		Fauna rope bridge under bridge
	Local roads		Waterways		Fauna rope bridge over road
	South Coast Railway		Bridges, overpasses and underpasses		Fauna rope bridge adjacent to bridge

Aerial photography is dated 2009.

Public displays

The environmental assessment documents are available between **Wednesday 14 November 2012** and **Monday 17 December 2012** at various locations.

Department of Planning and Infrastructure display

23-33 Bridge Street Sydney
open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

Talk to us

View the project information and speak with the project team at:

RMS project office

Shop 3/113 Queen Street Berry.
Open during the display period:

- Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10am to 5pm.
- Thursdays 12pm to 7pm.
- Saturday 24 November 10am to 2pm.
- Saturday 1 December 10am to 2pm.

RMS website

www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb

Project information line

1800 506 976 (free call)

Community information sessions

A series of informal topic specific community information sessions are planned.

The community is encouraged to read the environmental assessment documents and speak directly with project team specialists at one of the following sessions:

Noise and vibration

Tuesday 20 November 2012
between 6pm and 7.30pm
at Berry School of Arts,
Alexandra Street Berry.

Flooding

Wednesday 21 November 2012
between 6pm and 7.30pm
at Berry School of Arts,
Alexandra Street Berry.

Traffic

Thursday 22 November 2012
between 6pm and 7.30pm
at Berry School of Arts,
Alexandra Street Berry.

Urban design

Tuesday 27 November 2012
between 6pm and 7.30pm
at Berry School of Arts,
Alexandra Street Berry.

Please register your interest in attending a community information session by calling 1800 506 976 (free call).

Other displays

The environmental assessment will also be displayed at the following locations:

Kiama Municipal Council

11 Manning Street Kiama
open Monday to Friday
8.45am to 4.15pm

Kiama Library

7 Railway Parade Kiama
open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
9.30am to 5.30pm,
Tuesday 9.30am to 8pm and
Saturday 9.30am to 2pm

Shoalhaven City Council

44 Bridge Road Nowra
open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

Nowra Library

10 Berry Street Nowra
open Monday to Friday
9.30am to 7pm and
Saturday 9.30am to 3pm

Office of Gareth Ward MP Member for Kiama

125 Terralong Street Kiama
open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

Gerringong upgrade community display centre

446 Princes Highway Gerringong
open Monday to Friday
9am to 5pm

RMS Wollongong office

Level 4, 90 Crown Street Wollongong
open Monday to Friday
8.30pm to 5pm

RMS North Sydney office

Level 9, 101 Miller Street North Sydney
open Monday to Friday
8.30pm to 5pm

Nature Conservation Council of NSW

Level 2, 5 Wilson Street Newtown
open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm

The environmental assessment report is also available on CD upon request. Please call the project information line on 1800 506 976 (free call).

Interactive maps – take a look



The display will include interactive maps showing potential noise and flooding impacts in the project area. Please click on the link from the project website.

Video gallery – take a look



The display will include video representation of the concept design showing:

- The Foxground and Berry bypass alignment from Toolijooa Road to Schofields Lane in both directions.
- Proposed pedestrian and cycleways connecting Kangaroo Valley Road to Mark Radium Park and Victoria Street.
- Proposed pedestrian and cycleways connecting Kangaroo Valley Road to North Street and the sports fields.
- The three options for Victoria Street.

Please click on the links from the project website.



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For more information

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Email: foxgroundandberrybypass@rms.nsw.gov.au **Web:** www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb

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