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Berry bypass - Kangaroo Valley Road interchange

For the proposed Foxground and Berry bypass Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) convened a working group of registered community members to review various community and design issues for the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange and Victoria Street precinct. Working group meetings have been held on 8 March, 29 March, 17 April and 16 May 2012.

During these meetings RMS has been asked by community members to consider options for moving part of the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange further south. Any such proposal would also require the provision of a service road connecting the interchange back to Berry.

After receiving this submission, RMS has responded to the community's concerns and design suggestions and is analysing them under technical and financial frameworks.

Factors to consider:

- Relocating part of the interchange would be a significant project change.
- The costs need to be better examined before a decision is made on whether or not more detailed investigations are appropriate.
- The costs also potentially impact the north and south bypass routes comparison, and should be included.
- This should be done without impacting the June completion for the review.
- The proposal will be costed as a 'provisional item' in relation to the northern route.

The decision to further investigate the part relocation or to refine the current concept design will be made by the Minister for Roads and Ports as part of his decision on the north and south costing review.

This will be followed by further work on the qualitative benefits and impacts – environmental, property, noise, amenity, connectivity, land use and others.

The working group has also discussed:

- Safe and efficient pedestrian / cycle connectivity across the proposed Kangaroo Valley Road bridge.
- The working group discussed how the design could be modified to reduce the impact on Mark Radium Park and alternatives for how the Park would function following the upgrade.
- In depth discussion has occurred over the impact of either leaving Victoria Street open to through traffic joining the highway southbound or closing Victoria Street as a cul de sac.

More information relating to the Kangaroo Valley Road interchange and the Victoria Street precinct working group meetings (including meeting notes and presentations) is available at the RMS website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb.



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