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Dear resident

Foxground and Berry bypass, Princes Highway upgrade Submissions report

In November 2012, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure displayed the environmental assessment for the Foxground and Berry bypass Princes Highway upgrade, detailing potential environmental, economic and social impacts associated with the project. The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure invited comment and more than 250 submissions were received from the community, interest groups and stakeholders.

Issues raised in submissions have been addressed by Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and responses are provided in a submissions report which has now been published. The report is available to download from the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/fbb. A copy of the report is also available for viewing at the project office in Berry, with CD copies available on request.

Since the display of the environmental assessment, RMS has refined the concept design to address issues raised in submissions and feedback from the community. The main design changes are shown overleaf.

What happens next?

The submissions report will be considered by the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure prior to his decision on the project. If approved, the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure will provide a set of approval conditions to RMS. These conditions will guide the detailed design and construction of the project.

RMS will continue to manage issues of concern with the community during the assessment and approval process, and if the project is approved, during detailed design and construction.

RMS expects to invite tenders for the detailed design and construction of the project in mid 2013. Community consultation would continue during the preparation of the detailed design to finalise aspects such as private property impacts, noise barriers and the buffer zone along North Street.

Yours faithfully



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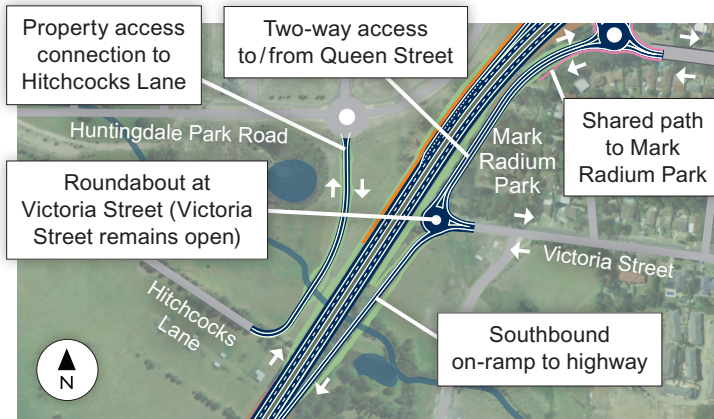
RMS design refinements

Victoria Street remains open

In response to issues raised in submissions, RMS has reviewed the design and Victoria Street is to remain open.

A two-way connection between Queen and Victoria streets and a southbound on-ramp south of Victoria Street have been adopted.

A change has been made to the private property access south of Victoria Street which would be via an access road to a new vehicular underpass at Schofields Lane.



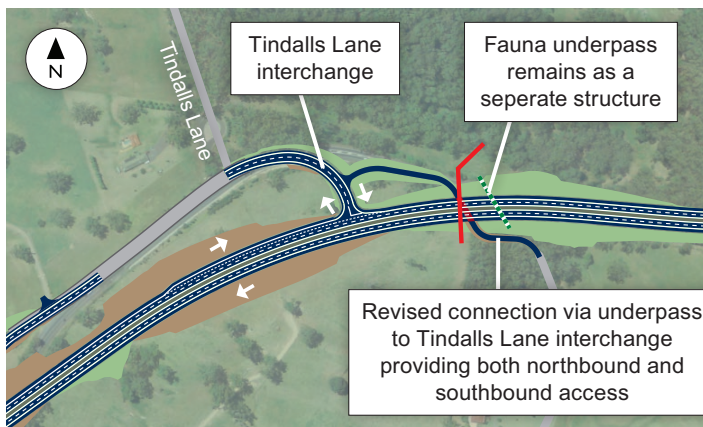
Victoria Street access arrangements

Refined design (May 2013)

Gembrook Lane local road access

Following feedback from residents, the concept design has been changed to include a vehicular underpass connection from Gembrook Lane to the Tindalls Lane interchange. This improves the access provisions for properties on Gembrook Lane.

Under the new design, properties would be able to access Gembrook Lane from the north and south via the interchange at Tindalls Lane, without additional travel to the interchange at Austral Park Road.



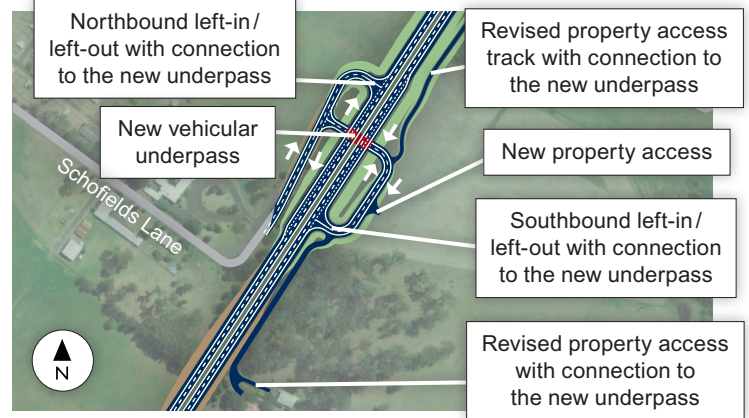
Gembrook Lane junction

Refined design (May 2013)

Schofields Lane underpass

RMS is improving the design of the junction at Schofields Lane to provide both northbound and southbound left-in/left-out access connected via a vehicular underpass.

Property access roads would connect to the underpass on the eastern side of the upgraded highway.

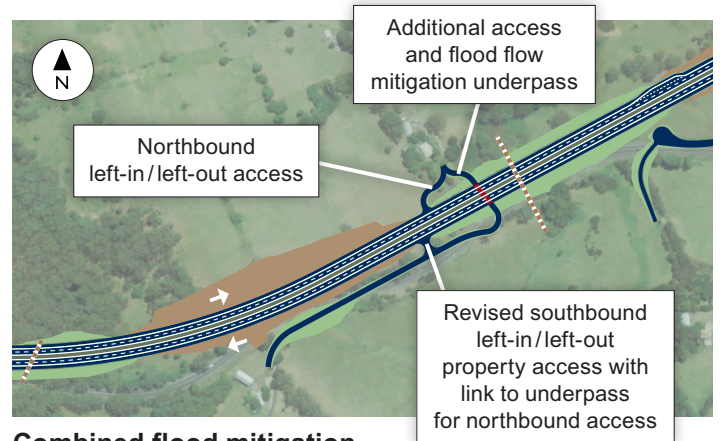


Schofields Lane junction

Refined design (May 2013)

Combined flood mitigation/vehicular underpass

A new combined flood mitigation/vehicular underpass between Tindalls Lane and Austral Park Road has been included in the design. This would mitigate against the flooding of residences and improve access to properties.



Combined flood mitigation

Refined design (May 2013)

Other design refinements for the highway upgrade include the removal of the turnaround facility proposed as part of the Austral Park Road extension, minor changes to road geometry, straightening the diversion of Town Creek and adjustments to individual property accesses and boundaries to minimise potential impacts.

RMS would also retain the location of the Berry Riding Club at its current site, with a revised facility design.

LEGEND				
Upgraded highway	Bridges	Noise mitigation in line with discussions in 2011/2012	Fauna rope bridge over road	Aerial photography is dated 2009.
Access roads	Fill	Traffic flow	Dedicated fauna underpass	
Existing Princes Highway	Cut		Dual use underpass (Fauna and drainage)	
Local roads	Shared path			