

Project benefits

- Increase safety by separating slow and fast moving vehicles
- Remove low standard curves along the road
- Improve travel time and efficiency through additional lane capacity
- Make the road straighter
- Increase reliability of access into and out of the Illawarra region and Port Kembla for general freight and large vehicles.

Features of the new road

- Three metre shoulders next to the new lanes
- Reduced steepness compared with the current road
- Improved drainage
- Three lanes in each direction between Bulli Tops and Picton Road.

Next steps

A concept design and review of environmental factors (REF) for the project are being prepared. The REF will include investigations on biodiversity, visual impact, Aboriginal heritage and non-Aboriginal heritage.

Roads and Maritime will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Further information and feedback

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Existing M1 Princes Motorway looking north



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M1 Princes Motorway improvements

Bulli Tops to Picton Road

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The Australian and NSW Governments have jointly committed \$84 million for improvements to the M1 Princes Motorway between Bulli Tops and Picton Road.

Background

The M1 Princes Motorway between Picton Road and Bulli Tops is currently two lanes in each direction.

This section of road carries about 37,000 vehicles a day, 15 percent of which are heavy vehicles. Traffic numbers will continue to increase along this route.

Due to the steepness of the road and the tight turns, heavy vehicles have a slow uphill travel speed, which can lead to a large difference in speeds between light vehicles and heavy vehicles.

The project

The project will provide additional lanes and straighten out the road to improve safety, capacity and efficiency.

Stage one

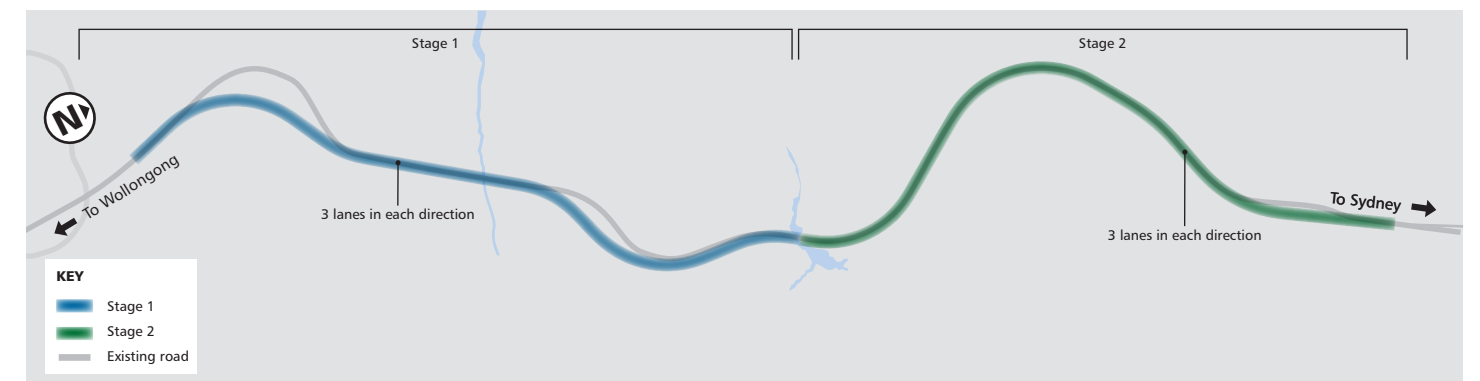
The first stage of the project will provide an additional lane in each direction of the M1 between Picton Road and Bellambi Creek. The tight curves on the existing M1 north of Picton Road and south of Bellambi Creek will be improved to increase safety and efficiency.

We are currently in the planning and design stages of this project and plan to start construction of stage one in mid 2017.

Stage two

The second stage of the project will link directly into stage one and will provide an additional lane in each direction between Bellambi Creek and Bulli Tops.

The planning and design for stage two will be carried out with stage one. The timing of construction of stage two is yet to be confirmed.



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