

Frequently Asked Questions

Flooding and floor level survey August 2021

The Moruya bypass project would minimise potential changes to flood behaviour and improve the current level of flood immunity for the Princes Highway at Moruya.

Transport for NSW is carrying out investigations within the Moruya floodplain to understand flood behaviours along the preferred strategic corridor for the Moruya bypass.

This work will provide an understanding of the environmental conditions within the project area and help inform the environmental investigation process and the design of the project.

What water catchment is the project in?

The project is located entirely within the Moruya River catchment. The Moruya River catchment covers a large area of about 1,400km² and discharges into Tasman Sea.

What data or modelling has already been carried out?

Baseline data and previous flood model information was provided to Transport by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and Eurobodalla Shire Council (Council). Following a review of available data, more detailed flood modelling is required to help us identify how best to assess flood immunity and reduce potential flooding impacts as part of the design.

Transport will continue to work with DPIE and Council to build a new model for the project that incorporates baseline data, historical flood event and historic models. The model will determine the existing flooding conditions and what causes them.

Will the new bridge increase flooding?

Detailed investigations and modelling are underway to determine the level of change and design refinements to reduce potential flooding impacts as part of the design. The outcomes of the investigations will be provided in the project's Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF will be on display for community in 2022.

What sort of investigations are required?

Investigations will include surveys of floor levels of several hundred homes and other structures in and around Moruya to understand the existing flood levels.

The survey will allow us to confirm the properties currently at risk in different flood events and what the potential change maybe as a result of the project.

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A letter will be sent before the survey work starts. The letter will explain what it required and give landowners or tenants the opportunity not to participate.

Specialist staff will door knock properties before to starting the survey.

The work will take no more than ten minutes and involve measuring the height of the floor at the front door of the property. Access inside the property is probably not required.

Is this work COVIDSafe?

For the safety of the community and workers, project teams have COVIDSafe plans in place. COVIDSafe plans consider field investigation work in the project area and travel to and from site and incorporate up to date NSW Health advice.

As of August 2021, anyone travelling from the Newcastle/Hunter region and Greater Sydney region (including the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour) into the region for essential work requires a COVID-19 test on a weekly basis. Proof of a negative COVID-19 test is required at all times. Any team member travelling from these areas must comply with the stay at home order while in regional NSW. Additional rules and testing are applied to workers from some local areas in Greater Sydney.

All work will be undertaken outdoors and in areas where social distancing can be followed.

Team members will always follow NSW Health social distancing guidelines if interactions with the community are required. To protect everyone's health we are:

- Limiting face to face meetings with stakeholders by arranging phone meetings where possible
- Wearing a mask when a face to face interactions are required, and maintaining a 1.5 metre distance and not shaking hands
- Encouraging the community to phone or email the project team. We will also provide regular communication on our website, email and by notification letters for work occurring near you.

Our teams are monitoring the situation and Transport will keep the community updated with any changes.

How can I find more information?

For more information on the project or if you have any questions or complaints, please contact our project team.

Contact us



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