



Transport for NSW

Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade

Have your say | Environmental assessment and concept design | June 2021



You are invited to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors and concept design until Sunday 18 July 2021.

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The proposal

The Australian and NSW Governments committed \$1.9 billion to upgrade the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road at Falls Creek and the Victorian border.

The Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade has been identified as a short term priority project as part of the Princes Highway upgrade. It will deliver safer, more reliable, more efficient, more resilient journeys and enhance the liveability and support the economic growth of the Bay and Basin region.

A grade separated interchange, or flyover, with roundabouts on either side of the highway on Jervis Bay Road was identified as the preferred option for the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade in 2020.

Improvements have been made to the design following community consultation and more detailed investigations.

Background

The Princes Highway is critical to a thriving South Coast NSW. It helps drive the State's third largest regional economy, is relied upon by over 500,000 local residents and welcomes almost four million tourists each year.

Transport for NSW has developed a Roadmap to 2040 for the Princes Highway upgrade. It aligns with the Future Transport 2056 and Regional Services and Infrastructure Plan to map out the vision for the next 20 years and identifies what service and infrastructure priorities need to be done in the short, medium, and longer term to deliver a safe, reliable, efficient, and connected network.



Enhance liveability
of the Bay and Basin region, contribute to its attractiveness, sustainability and success

Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection is located about 12 kilometres south of Nowra and 170 kilometres south of Sydney. Jervis Bay Road provides the main link to the coastal villages of Huskisson, Vincentia, Hyams Beach and Jervis Bay.

The intersection has one of the highest volume of vehicle movements on the highway between Nowra and the border with Victoria. It has been the location of 26 crashes in the 10 years to March 2019, including seven serious injury crashes.

Environmental Assessment

The Review of Environmental Factors (REF) assesses the potential environmental, social and economic impacts of the proposal and provides measures to reduce these impacts. The REF is an opportunity for the community to review the results of the various investigations and provide comment.

Community Consultation Report

Transport for NSW has released a consultation report to summarise the feedback on the preferred option for the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade. Over 90 per cent of responses indicated the preferred option would improve safety, reliability and reduce congestion as well as improve the resilience of the transport network. The feedback has been used to inform the environmental assessment and concept design. The consultation report can be found on the project website.



Improve resilience



Improving safety



Looking north to Myola and Callalla Beach, Jervis Bay

Concept design of the proposal





Artists impression of the intersection upgrade



Huskisson near Voyager Park



Better, safer and more reliable
trips for locals, freight and visitors



Assessment of key issues

Key areas assessed in the REF are summarised below and the full report can be found on the proposal website.



Traffic and transport

Minor delays may be experienced while the intersection is being upgraded. This is due to necessary speed limit restrictions and temporary traffic diversions. Access to nearby properties may change during construction but will be maintained at all times.

When completed, the intersection would deliver safer and more efficient journeys for all transport users. Emergency evacuation routes for both emergency services and the general public would also be improved.



Noise and vibration

There would be noise impacts associated with the construction of the intersection upgrade, affecting residences near the proposal area. There will be more information on these impacts as the proposal progresses. Construction noise impacts would be managed in accordance with the Transport for NSW Construction Noise and Vibration Guideline.

When completed, the upgraded intersection would not substantially change traffic noise in most locations. In accordance with the Transport for NSW Noise Mitigation Guideline, some properties would be considered for measures to manage operational noise impacts.



Property and land use

About 18 hectares of land outside the existing road corridor would be directly impacted by the proposal. This includes the temporary lease of land and the full or partial acquisition of some properties.

All acquisitions would be undertaken in consultation with landowners and in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* and the Transport for NSW Land Acquisition Information Guide.



Socio-economic

When completed, the intersection upgrade would deliver a range of social and economic benefits. These include improvements in road safety, traffic flow, freight transport operations as well as public and active transport reliability and access to popular tourist and commercial areas.



Biodiversity

The upgraded intersection would require about 15.7 hectares of native vegetation including some threatened ecological communities, to be cleared. The proposal would not significantly impact threatened species, populations or ecological communities or their habitats according to the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

Biodiversity offsets would be delivered in accordance with the Transport for NSW Biodiversity Offset Guidelines.



Flooding and surface water

During construction, earthworks and ancillary facilities may change the local topography and in small areas alter how water flows following a rain event. The layout of ancillary facilities and stockpiles would be planned to minimise any flood impacts during construction.

The proposal would provide flood immunity for the Princes Highway and Jervis Bay Road during a 1 in 100 year flood event, through improved drainage design.

Water quality controls, such as vegetated drains and basins would be built as part of the intersection upgrade, improving water quality in the area.



Aboriginal heritage

Consultation has been carried out with registered Aboriginal parties in accordance with the Transport for NSW Procedure for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation and Investigation.

The intersection upgrade would impact one known Aboriginal heritage site. An Aboriginal heritage impact permit would be sought for the proposal construction footprint in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.



Landscape character and visual impacts

The intersection upgrade would impact the surrounding bushland and residential landscape. The local environment would change due to vegetation clearing, earthworks and new infrastructure.

An urban design and landscaping plan would aim to tie the proposal into the local environment by using local native plants and slopes that would complement the adjoining landscape.

Have your say

To make a submission about the REF or concept design please visit nswroads.work/jervisbayroad or send your comments to:

Post: Attention: Jervis Bay Road and
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PO Box 477 Wollongong NSW 2500

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Submissions must be received by
Sunday 18 July 2021.

Online Q&A session

Join us on Facebook Live for an online Q&A session with the project team:

Friday 2 July 2021, 12:30pm – 1pm



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If you are unable to access Facebook please call the project team, or visit the project webpage where we will share the recorded session.

Meet the project team

Meet the team at the following information sessions:

Tuesday 6 July, 2pm to 6pm at the Huskisson Community Centre, Dent Street, Huskisson

Thursday 8 July, 9am to 12pm, Vincentia Public Hall, Wood Road, Vincentia

Saturday 10 July, 8am to 12pm at Falls Creek Public School, Vidler Road, Falls Creek

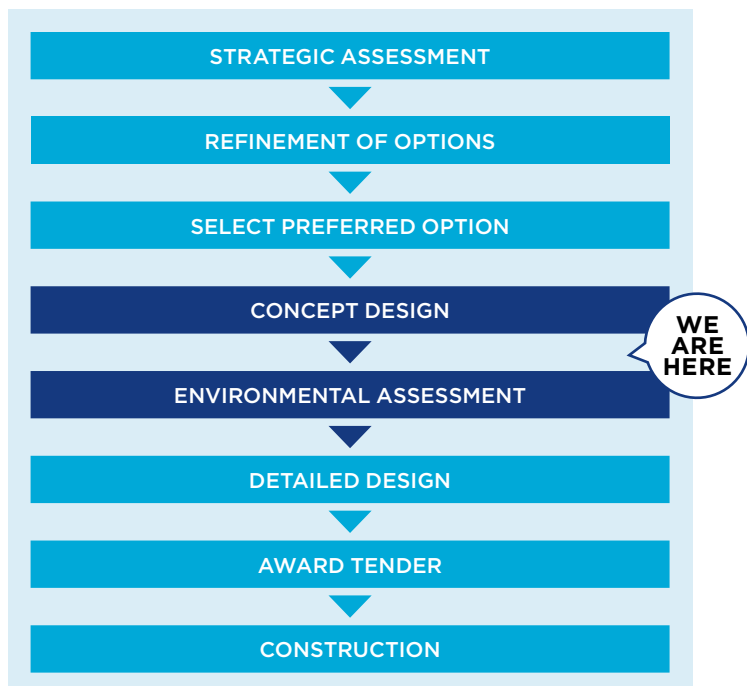
Bookings are essential. Visit the website for session details and booking.

We will also be available at the Huskisson Markets, Huskisson sports ground, on Sunday 11 July, 8am to 1pm.

Copies of the REF will be available to read at:

- Nowra Library, Nowra
- Sanctuary Point Library, Sanctuary Point
- Services NSW, South Nowra
- Council Office, Nowra
- Visitors Information Centre, Maritime Museum, Huskisson

Project development process



Contact us

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Next steps

Transport for NSW will collate and consider the submissions received during the public display of the REF and prepare a submissions report.

Feedback received will help further refine the design of the proposal and we will keep the community updated as the proposal progresses. Early work is on track to start in late 2022.



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