



Frequently asked questions

Preferred option | Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection

Preferred option for the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade – November 2020

What is happening?

The Australian and NSW Governments have announced \$1.5 billion towards upgrading the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and the Victorian border.

The Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade is a priority project identified in the Princes Highway strategic roadmap; a 20 year plan to deliver a safe, reliable, efficient and connected transport network.

Following a thorough planning, investigation and development process including a value management workshop attended by key stakeholders and technical specialists, Transport has identified a type of grade separated interchange, or flyover, as the preferred option for the intersection upgrade.

The preferred option would be the safest, most reliable, provide the most reduced congestion and most improved connectivity compared to other options assessed.

Feedback on the preferred option is invited between Wednesday 25 November 2020 and Sunday 20 December 2020.

Why is an upgraded intersection needed?

The Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection is located about 12 kilometres south of Nowra and 170 kilometres south of Sydney.

The intersection provides the main link to the coastal townships of Huskisson, Vincentia, Hyams Beach and Jervis Bay (ACT). The townships are growing residential areas, have numerous commercial industries and are popular tourism destinations.

The intersection has one of the highest volume of vehicle movements on the highway between Nowra and the border with Victoria and has been the location of 15 crashes in the past five years, resulting in six serious and 11 minor injuries.

A safer and more reliable intersection would deliver on Transport's 20 year vision for the Princes Highway as a safe, reliable, efficient and connected transport network.

The proposed intersection upgrade would:

- Improve safety for all transport users
- Reduce congestion
- Improve resilience
- Support pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users
- Grow regional economies including tourism and freight

- Improve access to local roads

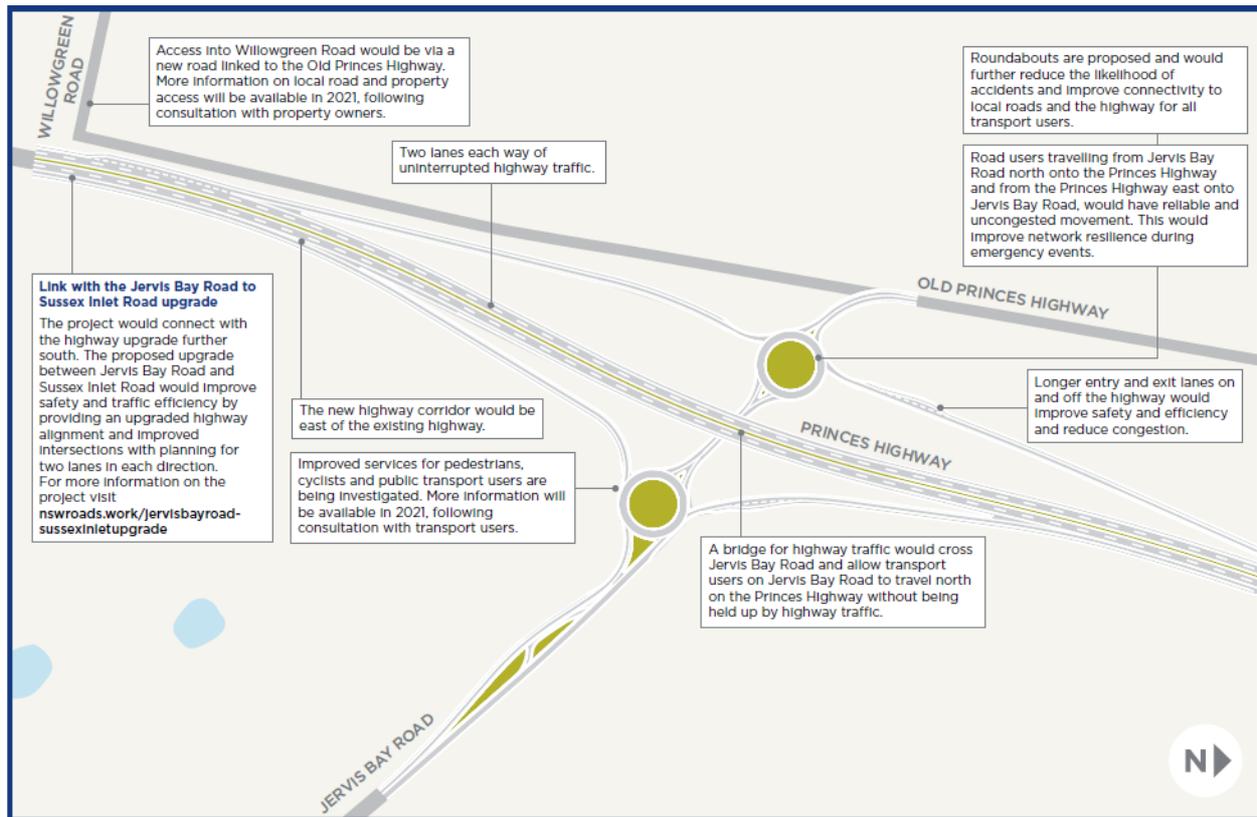
What will the new intersection look like?

The preferred option would include the following features:

- Four lanes for highway traffic, two in each direction.
- A bridge for highway traffic would cross Jervis Bay Road to allow transport users on Jervis Bay Road to travel north on the Princes Highway without being held up by southbound highway traffic.
- Roundabouts are proposed on either side of the intersection to further reduce the likelihood of accidents and provide safer connectivity for all transport users with local roads and the highway entry and exit lanes.
- Motorists travelling from Jervis Bay Road north onto the Princes Highway, and from the Princes Highway east onto Jervis Bay Road, would have reliable and congestion-free access.
- Longer entry and exit lanes on and off the highway would improve safety and efficiency and reduce congestion.
- The new highway corridor would be east of the existing highway to provide space for the western entry and exit lanes and the roundabout connecting to the Old Princes Highway. This will also improve ease of construction and reduce traffic impacts while it's being built.

There would be some earthworks and vegetation removal required to build the preferred option. More information on environmental impacts will be displayed for community feedback in 2021.

A diagram of the proposed intersection layout is below.



How was the preferred option chosen?

In September 2020, Transport brought together project team members, technical specialists and Government agencies to participate in a Value Management Workshop to assess a shortlist of options for an intersection upgrade. Participants of the workshop agreed to project objectives, identified broad community issues, assessed technical information and a range of design options before recommendations for a preferred option was made.

The preferred option would be the safest, most reliable, provide the most reduced congestion and most improved connectivity to local roads compared to other options assessed.

Visit nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection to view the preferred option report that explains the outcome of the value management workshop and provides more information on the options that were assessed and how the preferred option was identified.

How did you consider the communities feedback when you consulted with us in March 2020?

In March 2020, we invited community and stakeholder feedback on the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade.

We received 830 comments on the including 731 via online survey, 89 email submissions and 4 submissions from emergency service agencies.

The community told us what they most value when it comes to an upgraded intersection. This included 62 per cent most valuing safety and 33 per cent most valuing reduced congestion. 70 per cent of feedback came from Jervis Bay residents and 17 per cent came from people living in and around the project area.

You told us what mattered to you including:

- Your preferred intersection options
- Traffic and transport issues
- The need for emergency resilience
- The need for the project
- Environmental impact
- Socio-economic impacts
- Building thriving communities

In August 2020, Transport for NSW released a consultation report that responds to all feedback received during the recent feedback period on the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade project. Visit nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection to view the report.

Next steps

How will my feedback be used?

All feedback from this display period will be considered during development of the concept design and environmental assessment and further refine the design of the intersection upgrade. The concept design and environmental assessment will be displayed for community feedback in 2021.

When will work start?

Following this consultation, we will prepare a concept design and full environmental assessment for the project. These will be on display for community comment in 2021. More information about when major work would start would be available at this time.

What is Transport's long term plan for the Princes Highway?

Transport for NSW has developed a strategic roadmap for the Princes Highway upgrade. It is Transport's plan for the highway over the next 20 years and identifies what needs to be done in the short, medium and long term to deliver a vision for the Princes Highway as a safe, reliable, efficient and connected network.

It would be a highway that enables the movement of people and goods and supports sustainable growth of the local economy, employment opportunities and population.

It would contribute to the character of the places it serves and be resilient to adapt to natural hazards and climate change, respond to changing land use, and support new technologies, industries and economic trends.

The roadmap is built on five goals:

- **Safety:** A safer corridor for all customers and communities including local traffic, freight, tourists, and public and active transport users.
- **Resilience:** A corridor that can be efficiently managed and maintained while adapting to changing social, environmental and economic factors including the ability to quickly recover from natural disasters and respond to changing land use and technologies.
- **Liveability:** A corridor that supports communities by connecting and contributing to providing attractive and healthy places to live, work and play.
- **Sustainability:** A corridor that is socially, environmentally and economically sustainable and unlocks a wide range benefits for communities and other customers.
- **Connectivity and Accessibility:** A corridor that has good physical and digital connectivity and accessibility, for access to opportunity and services.

Potential impacts

How will the new intersection impact the local environment?

We are carrying out a full environmental assessment of the project that will outline any environmental impact and how it will be mitigated. The environmental assessment will be on display for community comment in 2021. We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Will there be greater noise impacts due to the intersection upgrade?

Noise impacts will be assessed as part of the environmental assessment. This will be on display for community feedback in 2021.

Will there be improved services for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users?

Improved services for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users are being investigated and we encourage all types of transport users to have their say on the intersection upgrade to help us refine the features further. More information on services for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users will be available in 2021.

Will my property be impacted?

A small number of properties and businesses will be impacted by this option. We will be in contact with all potentially impacted residents and will be working closely with them throughout the project.

When will I know if my property will be acquired?

During the planning and design phases of a Transport project, plans are prepared to show if private property will need to be acquired should the project be approved. More information on what properties would be required and when acquisition would be required will be available when the concept design and environmental assessment are displayed in 2021, following consultation with all property owners.

What did you do to minimise impacts to properties?

Transport for NSW may need to acquire privately owned land as part of developing or upgrading transport infrastructure. Minimising environmental and property impacts was a key consideration in assessing the shortlisted options. Visit nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection to view the preferred option report that explains how we assessed the options.

Stay involved

Where can I find more information?

More information on the preferred option will be available at unstaffed display locations between XXX and XXX at the Nowra Library.

Alternatively, please contact the Princes Highway upgrade team by:

- Phone: 1800 719 759
- Email: princeshighway@transport.nsw.gov.au

More information is also available at nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection.