



# Frequently asked questions

## Princes Highway upgrade – Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade

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#### What's happening?

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

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Transport consulted on the preferred option in late 2020 and is preparing a consultation report that considers community and stakeholder feedback.

An environmental assessment and concept design is being prepared to explain the potential impacts of the project and provide more detail on the proposed features of the intersection upgrade. These will be on display for community feedback in 2021.

#### Why is an intersection upgrade 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 and growing 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.

## **What are the benefits of the project?**

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

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.

## **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.

For a diagram of the preferred option, visit [nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection](http://nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection).

## **How have we consulted with community so far?**

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
- 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.

The community told us what mattered most to them including:

- 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.

To view the most recent consultation report, visit [nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection](https://nswroads.work/jervisbayroadintersection).

In late 2020, Transport consulted with community and stakeholders on the preferred option.

Consultation methods included stakeholder briefings and meetings, a Facebook Live session, notifications sent to all homes in the Bay and Basin area, print and digital advertising and door knocking of nearby properties.

Feedback was accepted via online survey, email, phone or printed feedback forms. A consultation report is being prepared with more information on the community and stakeholder feedback over this period. The report will be available in coming months.

### **What are the environmental and property impacts of the highway upgrade?**

Each project team will carry out an environmental assessment of the proposed project area. The environmental assessment will include a more detailed description of the proposal and design features, impacts and benefits and includes studies and investigation about biodiversity, Aboriginal cultural heritage, non-Aboriginal heritage, property and land use, visual impact, traffic and transport, socio-economic benefits and impacts of noise and vibration, flooding and hydrology, and the consideration of cumulative impacts. The environmental assessment will identify the mitigation measures required to manage these impacts during the design, construction and operational phases of the project.

Nearby properties were informed of the preferred option immediately following the announcement in November 2020, advised that studies may be carried out near them and encouraged to have their say on the project.

Any business owner, property or tenant impacted by the project will be directly contacted by the project team about potential property and acquisition impacts. If impacts are required, Transport will work closely with these people to support them throughout the process. More information on the property acquisition process can be found at [www.propertyacquisition.nsw.gov.au](http://www.propertyacquisition.nsw.gov.au).

### **What's the process from here?**

We are analysing the community feedback received late last year and preparing a concept design and environmental assessment for the project. These will be on display for community feedback in 2021.

Work on the intersection upgrade is on track to start in late 2022.

**How will we be kept informed about the project?**

You can subscribe to project updates and tell us how you want to be contacted in the future on our webpage at [nswroad.work/jervisbayroadintersection](https://nswroad.work/jervisbayroadintersection). We will keep the community updated as we progress.

For more information or to speak to a member of the project team please call 1800 719 759 or email [princeshighway@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:princeshighway@transport.nsw.gov.au).