

# Waterfall Way

## Improving Marx Hill



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### The proposal

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) proposes to realign and widen two sections of Waterfall Way: east of Bellingen at Marx Hill, and Cameron's Corner. The NSW Government has committed \$8.8 million for these two projects to improve safety for all road users.

Marx Hill is situated 8.3km west of the Pacific Highway and winds its way between the base of Marx Hill and the banks of the Bellinger River. An existing rest area is located on this section that provides access to a lookout area in a rural environment. There is also a cattle crossing located 100 metres west of Old Brierfield Road that currently has poor sight distance.

The \$5.3 million work on a 1km section at Marx Hill would improve safety by reducing the curves.

The RTA has developed a detailed design for the Marx Hill project ready for construction in 2008.

### Project objectives

- To improve safety by realigning the existing road from Old Brierfield Road for a distance of approximately 1km.
- To upgrade the section to a safe 80km/h standard and provide consistency of travel speed along Waterfall Way.
- To provide a cattle underpass and remove an existing cattle crossing.
- To incorporate 3.5 metre travel lanes and 2 metre shoulders into the design.

### Environment

The existing road level provides for a Bellinger River flood level of about one in two-years. The proposal for this section of Waterfall Way will increase its flood immunity to a one in five-year flood event.

The proposal would include clearing of vegetation largely comprised of grassland and vegetation dominated by an environmental weed. Although this may remove habitat for some species, adjacent areas offer higher quality habitat and the potential impacts on endangered animals/plants are considered minor.

### What happens next?

A review of environmental factors will be displayed for a 21 day period and the community will have an opportunity to comment.

Following consideration of submissions from the community, the RTA will finalise the proposals taking into account any issues raised.



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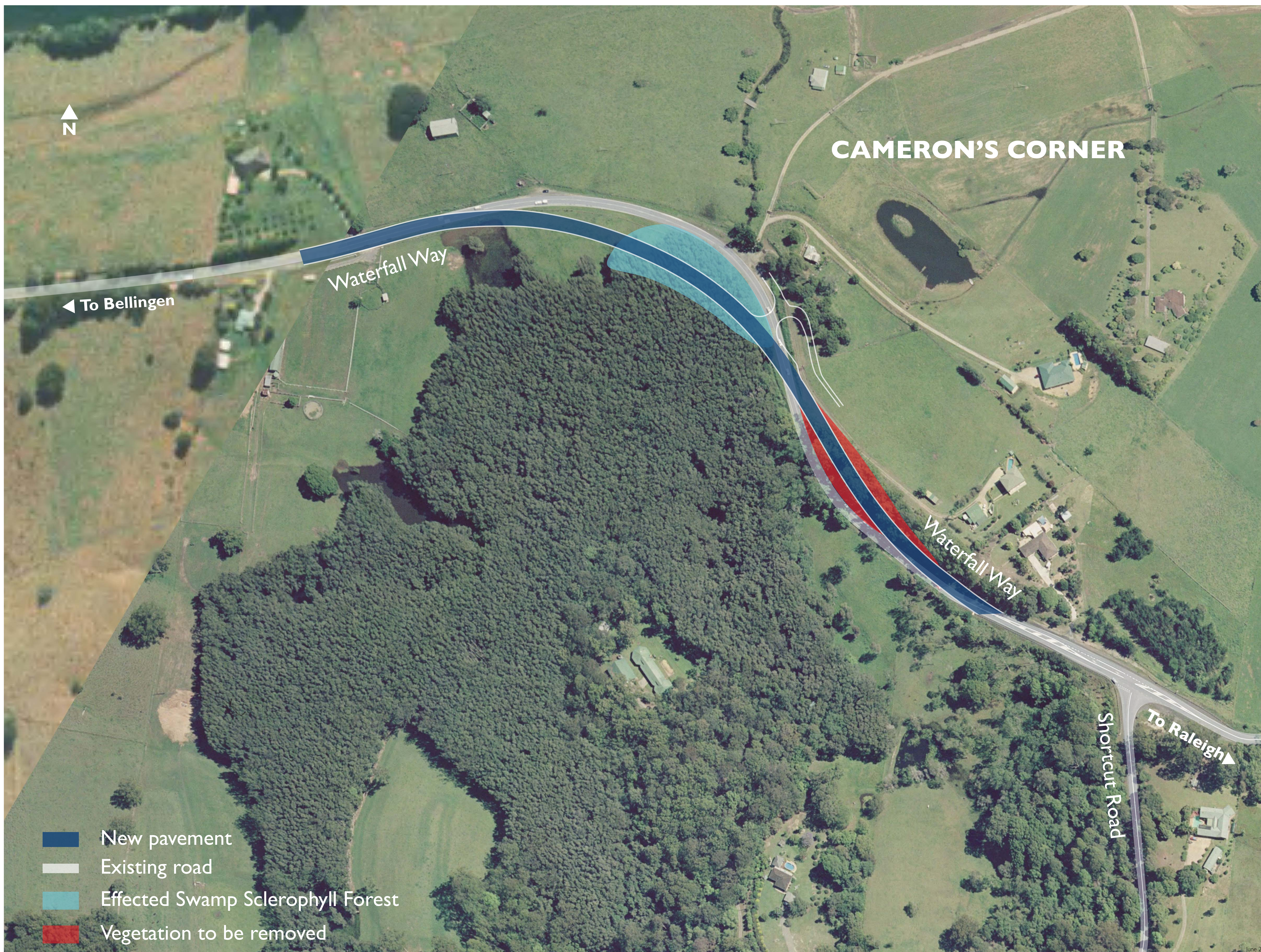
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## Improving Cameron's Corner, Bellingen

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### The proposal

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) proposes to realign and widen two sections of Waterfall Way: east of Bellingen at Marx Hill, and Cameron's Corner. The NSW Government has committed \$8.8 million for these two projects. The \$3.5 million Cameron's Corner proposal would improve safety for all road users.

Cameron's Corner is located on the Waterfall Way 1.7km to 2.2km west of the Pacific Highway. The proposal commences west of Short Cut Road and extends through two low standard curves. One curve is currently subject to flooding from the Bellingen River.

The work on a 500m section of Waterfall Way at Cameron's Corner, 400m west of the Short Cut Road intersection, would improve safety by easing the curve and improving the road alignment.

The RTA has developed a detailed design for both projects.

### Project objectives

- To improve road safety and provide a more consistent standard of travel speed along Waterfall Way.
- To incorporate 3.5 metre travel lanes and two metre shoulders in the design.

### Environment

The realignment would affect Swamp Sclerophyll Forrest, listed as an endangered ecological community. The RTA is currently investigating the impact of the new alignment on this community.

Works at Cameron's Corner would require approximately eight months for road settlement to occur; prior to undertaking the pavement works.

The upgrade of this section of the Waterfall Way is expected to provide immunity from the one in five-year flood.

### What happens next?

A review of environmental factors will be displayed for a 21 day period and the community will have an opportunity to comment as part of the process.

Following consideration of submissions from the community, the RTA will finalise the proposals taking into account any issues raised.



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