

# Waterfall Way

## Pacific Highway to Connells Creek Upgrade



**Transport**  
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Authority

The Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales (RTA) proposes to realign and widen approximately 3km of Waterfall Way east of Bellingen from the Pacific Highway to Connells Creek.

This is an important project and one that must be carefully planned, assessed and constructed to ensure that all stakeholders concerns are considered.

The NSW Government is committed to this project which will deliver major safety improvements for road users.

### Project objectives

- Upgrade the section to a safe 80km/h standard and provide consistency of travel speed and level of service along Waterfall Way.
- Provide 3.5 metre wide travel lanes and 2 metre shoulders.
- Upgrade Short Cut Road intersection.
- Minimise impacts on the environment including avoiding construction through the wetland at Camerons Corner.
- Upgrade the road pavement and improve surface conditions.
- Improve flood immunity.

### Study area

Discussions have been held with Bellingen Shire Council and the community to develop a study area. A public information session was held last year to gather information to assist in identifying this area.

This information has helped in developing two route options that are located within the study area.

In assessing each option, opportunities and constraints pertaining to the engineering standards, environment, geology, hydrology and property boundaries and accesses must be carefully considered.

Addition survey has been undertaken as well as other information gathering activities within the study area. The RTA will also like to commence work on the Review of Environmental Factors within the next three to six months.

The two route options are now on public display seeking further feedback and discussions with key stakeholders before making a final decision.

### What happens next?

We are committed to undertaking further consultation with stakeholders, including the local community prior to any decision on the preferred route being made. As such, we will be discussing with owners directly affected by the potential alignment and also with the local community through further information sessions.

Following consideration of submissions from the community, the RTA will determine the best option that meets the needs of the road user, safety and the Bellingen community.

The Review of Environmental Factors will provide a further opportunity for the community to comment on the proposal.

### For further inquiries

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Comments to be received by 3 June 2011.

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