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Transport for NSW

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program

Medlow Bath Upgrade Review of Environmental Factors

Property fact sheet

July 2021



The proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade minimises residential property impacts

Together the Australian and NSW Governments are investing more than \$4.5 billion towards upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow. The Great Western Highway Upgrade will reduce congestion, deliver safer, more efficient and reliable journeys for those travelling in, around and through the Blue Mountains, and better connect communities in the Central West.

Transport for NSW (Transport) aims to minimise property impacts wherever possible. The proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade requires the partial acquisition of one private property to accommodate the pedestrian bridge.

We are looking at two options for the Bellevue Crescent intersection to minimise residential property impacts. Some properties may require adjustments to access to ensure safe access to the Highway.

Transport is presenting a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and Concept Design for the Medlow Bath Upgrade for community consultation from 26 July to 24 August 2021.

We invite the Medlow Bath community and other interested stakeholders to submit feedback to help inform next steps for the proposal.



Property acquisition

The Medlow Bath concept design requires the partial acquisition of a private property to accommodate the pedestrian bridge.

We know that improving the safety of the Bellevue Crescent intersection is a high priority for the Medlow Bath community, and we are presenting two options for your feedback. The alternate alignment presented for feedback avoids the acquisition of one home in Bellevue Crescent.

Safety, impacts to existing and future access, property impacts, changes to traffic flow and volumes are all important considerations in finalising the concept design.

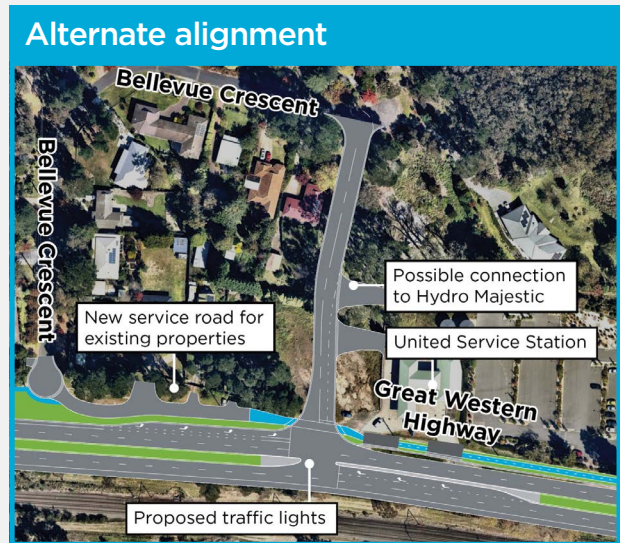
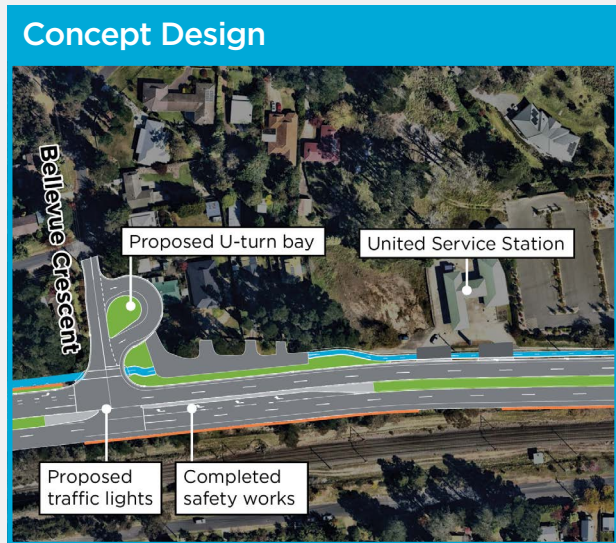
To build the water quality basin that will collect run-off from the Highway, filter it and release clean water back into the environment, we also propose to acquire Council land next to Medlow Memorial Park. This would require the removal of the current Elsie Langford Centre building.

We will continue to consult with all affected landowners and all property acquisitions would be carried out in accordance with the *Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991* to ensure fair compensation.

Adjustments, access and road levels

Adjustments to residential properties near Bellevue Crescent may be required to provide safe access where retaining walls and driveways are impacted by road widening.

We will work with property owners to find a safer alternative property access and, where possible, will limit private property impacts to only driveway and footpath adjustments.



Transport is seeking community feedback on the options presented to further improve safety at Bellevue Crescent



Aerial view of Bellevue Avenue, Medlow Bath

When we are building

We expect construction impacts on property to be minimal while we are working on the upgrade.

Property access will be maintained at all times during construction.

We will contact property owners prior to commencing construction work in front of driveways to arrange this work in advance.

Reducing the impact of our work

We will continue to seek your feedback and will directly consult with affected property owners throughout the design phase. We respect your right to privacy when holding these discussions.

What is an REF?

Transport has legal obligations to assess and mitigate impacts that may result from a proposed activity. An REF details these legal obligations, and the environmental impacts and mitigation measures of a project. Feedback on this REF will inform the approval of the proposed Medlow Bath Upgrade.

What is a Concept Design?

The Concept Design is a project design that is developed in sufficient detail to allow an assessment of likely environmental, social and economic impacts so that stakeholders can consider the proposed project and provide feedback. The concept design may change based on feedback provided by stakeholders.

View the REF and Concept Design

You can view the Medlow Bath Upgrade REF and Concept Design at our virtual consultation room at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult

Have your say

We will hold online consultation sessions where you can ask our team any questions you have and tell us what you think.

We recommend that you view the REF and Concept Design before you speak with the team or make a submission.

Speak to the project team

Wednesday 28 July **Saturday 31 July**
1.00–2.30pm 12.30–2.00pm

Tuesday 3 August **Thursday 5 August**
6.30–8.00pm 6.30–8.00pm

Register for our Microsoft Teams live-stream consultation sessions at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult

Contact us on **1800 953 777** or gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au to book a personal phone consultation if you prefer.

Face-to-face consultation

As COVID-19 restrictions are once again in place, we regret we are unlikely to be able to offer face-to-face consultation at this time.

Consultation will be held online to ensure your safety and comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

If restrictions ease before consultation ends we will organise face-to-face consultation, in line with existing guidelines at that time.

How to make a formal submission

We welcome all feedback on the Medlow Bath Upgrade REF and Concept Design.

To have your input formally considered, and receive a response in the consultation report, use our online submission form at nswroads.work/gwhdconsult or mail a printed submission to:

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program
Medlow Bath Upgrade REF & Concept
Design PO Box 2332, Orange NSW 2800

Consultation and exhibition is open from 26 July - 24 August. All formal submissions must be received by midnight, 24 August.

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