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Media Release

Investigations underway for a Bulli bypass

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The NSW Government is launching early investigations for the Bulli bypass, fulfilling an election promise to undertake detailed planning and assessment work to determine how Memorial Drive would be improved and extended in future.

The 2023-24 NSW Budget allocated \$20 million for this work that will cover the development of a strategic options report and a strategic business case.

Pending endorsement, a final business case will be prepared during the early planning phase, marking a significant step.

In opposition, Labor heard the wishes of the community for a bypass of Bulli town centre. In Government, we are acting.

During consultations in June and July 2021, the local community expressed significant support for the bypass, making it the most commonly raised suggestion to improve traffic efficiency on the Princes Highway.

The proposed Bulli bypass would involve extending Memorial Drive north from the roundabout at the intersection with the Princes Highway, with multiple options to be explored for where the extension will end.

As part of early planning, the community is invited to provide input on the Bulli bypass by participating in an online survey at yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/bulli-bypass or by emailing SouthProjects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

The consultation period will remain open until 11:59 pm on Monday, 11 March 2024.

Additionally, the project team will be available to discuss the Bulli bypass at drop-in sessions on Thursday, 22 and 29 February, between 5 pm and 8 pm at the Bulli Community Centre.

The Bulli bypass is not currently funded for construction. However, Transport for NSW will continue to keep the community informed as the Bulli bypass investigations progress.

Roads Minister John Graham said:

"The \$20 million allocated in the Budget underscored our commitment to addressing the community's concerns in the Illawarra region. Here is the action as we progress with early investigations.

"We listened and we heard the community loud and clear that this work was on top of the wish list when it comes to improving traffic flow on the Princes Highway in this area.

"While these early investigations will be robust and are crucial for planning a suitable bypass option, it's important to note that they will require time to carry out.

"As we progress this work, there are other traffic improvements being made from mid-2024, including additional parking, new shared pathways, raised pedestrian crossings, and upgraded street lighting.

"Our focus remains on providing solutions that prioritise immediate improvements and the long-term success of the Bulli bypass project."

Illawarra and South Coast Minister Ryan Park said:

"I welcome the news of an early investigation of the Bulli bypass – it truly has the potential to be a game-changer for our region.

"The proposed changes to our roads impact everyone in our community. I invite everyone to take a moment to share your valuable thoughts and experiences with the road network in and around Bulli.

"Whether through the online survey or by email, your voice matters. Let's work together to make a lasting impact on our region's transportation future."

Member for Heathcote Maryanne Stuart said:

"We're in need of infrastructure that accommodates our growing communities, and the Bulli bypass can deliver just that.

"Your input is a powerful tool that can directly shape this project, influencing decisions that will benefit our communities and visitors for years to come.

"Please take a moment to share your thoughts via the online survey or email. If you have any questions, take advantage to speak to the project team at one of the community drop-in sessions.

"Together, let's pave the way for safer and more efficient travel in the Illawarra region."

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