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Princes Highway upgrade program

Jervis Bay Road to Sussex
Inlet Road upgrade



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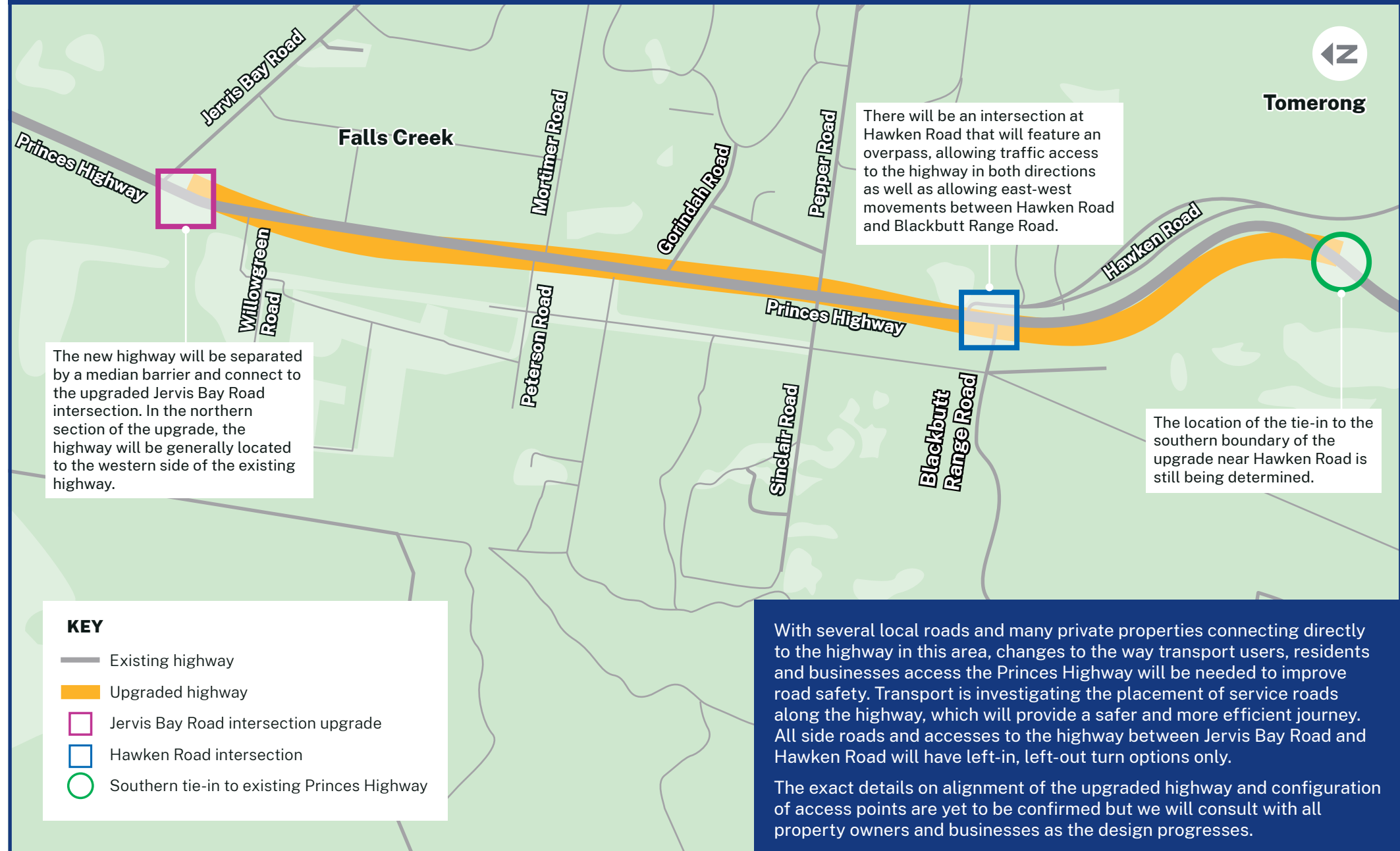
Transport for NSW is progressing planning for the upgrade of the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road.

This six-kilometre section of the highway has been identified as stage one of the project and the highest priority of the planned 20-kilometre upgrade from Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road.

The Australian Government has committed \$400 million to the project with the NSW Government contributing \$100 million.

The project includes upgrading the existing highway to two lanes in each direction, separated by a median barrier to improve safety. The remainder of the upgrade will be delivered at a later stage.

Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade (stage 1)



Project update

Upgrading the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road will improve safety for all transport users, improve traffic and freight efficiency, improve connections to regional centres and services, and connect with the upgraded Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection.

The communities and environment along this stretch of highway have been significantly affected by bushfires and flooding in recent years. Upgrades to the highway will provide greater resilience to the network, to support communities to respond to and recover from natural disasters.

Since the preferred strategic corridor was identified in late 2020, we have been working to develop the preferred alignment and concept design of the upgraded highway for this section. The concept design will provide more details on the upgrade of the highway, including its changes in width and placement, intersection locations and types, and the access arrangements for local roads and residents.

From **2016** to **2021** there were 74 crashes between Jervis Bay Road and Sussex Inlet Road, four of which were fatal, while 28 resulted in serious injury. Of these 74 crashes, 47 involved multiple vehicles, the majority of them head-on collisions.

Transport has adopted the 'Safe Systems' approach for this project which aims to improve safety. This approach includes features such as a continuous median barrier that will significantly reduce the number and severity of crashes.

We are working with local bus operators to help improve safety for public transport customers including school children. Initial talks have been held to identify local bus services and the potential impacts the upgrade may have on existing services.



Improve safety
for all road users



Safer access to
local roads



Better connected
regional centres



Support
active transport users



Improve network
efficiency



Grow regional
economies including freight,
tourism and other industry

Investigations

We have carried out geotechnical investigations, utility and ground surveys, and environmental and heritage investigations to understand the conditions within the project area.

We have been working closely with local Aboriginal stakeholders to understand the cultural heritage of the area to ensure impacts are mitigated.

These investigations will form part of the environmental assessment to identify potential impacts of the highway upgrade. This information will help us confirm the alignment of the highway, develop the concept design and minimise environmental impacts where possible.

We will provide more feedback opportunities for the community once the concept design and environmental assessment have been developed. We will use this important feedback to further refine the highway design to ensure it meets the needs of all transport users.

Threatened species and wildlife connectivity

Transport carries out comprehensive flora and fauna studies along the highway corridor. During the design and environmental assessment stages we look at the specific local impacts our work may have.

We use this information to develop a wildlife strategy for projects. This approach ensures we understand what native vegetation and animals are in the area so we can provide the most appropriate conservation measures and reduce wildlife fatalities. During design we consider how to provide safe passage for wildlife and look at different designs to minimise our construction footprint.



Teams working in the field to gather environmental data

Community survey

We recently invited feedback from the community about stage one of the Jervis Bay Road to Sussex Inlet Road Princes Highway upgrade. A total of 64 responses to the survey were received and we will use this important feedback to help with the design of the upgraded highway.

Summary of results

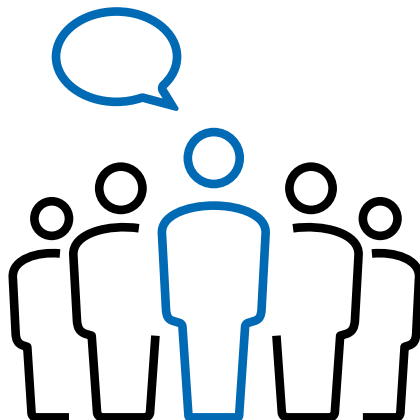
Respondents said that safe travel along the highway and safe access to properties were the top priorities of the upgrade. Other things that were highly valued included:

- Minimising road noise
- Maintaining a rural feel
- Public transport options
- Integration of the design into the natural landscape

Respondents had an overall positive view of the upgrade, noting the benefits to the local community, including reduced travel time and traffic congestion.

Most respondents also said that safe turning on and off the highway was an issue, with many saying they avoided certain turn movements or intersections because of safety concerns.

We will use this feedback and other comments provided in the survey to inform the design of the new highway, helping to deliver a safer and more efficient journey for all.



Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade

The Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road will connect with the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade.

The Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade has been approved for construction. The detailed design contract has been awarded to Arcadis Australia Pacific Pty Ltd and this next stage of design work has started. This includes finalising the design of the project before construction begins.

Early work is on track to start **late 2022**, which will transition to main construction in **2023**.

Planning is continuing to determine how the Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade will align with the new intersection. More information will be available when the concept design is finalised.



Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade

Property impacts

A lot of planning work must be done before any land is acquired for the upgrade. At this stage, we are talking with landowners, tenants, and local businesses within the Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road corridor to better understand conditions in the area and collect information about properties.

Property impacts will be confirmed once the concept design is finalised and we will be in contact directly with any affected property owners.

Future stages

Upgrading the Princes Highway from Hawken Road to Sussex Inlet Road will be delivered at a later stage. Transport is continuing to seek funding options to progress the upgrade for this section of the highway.

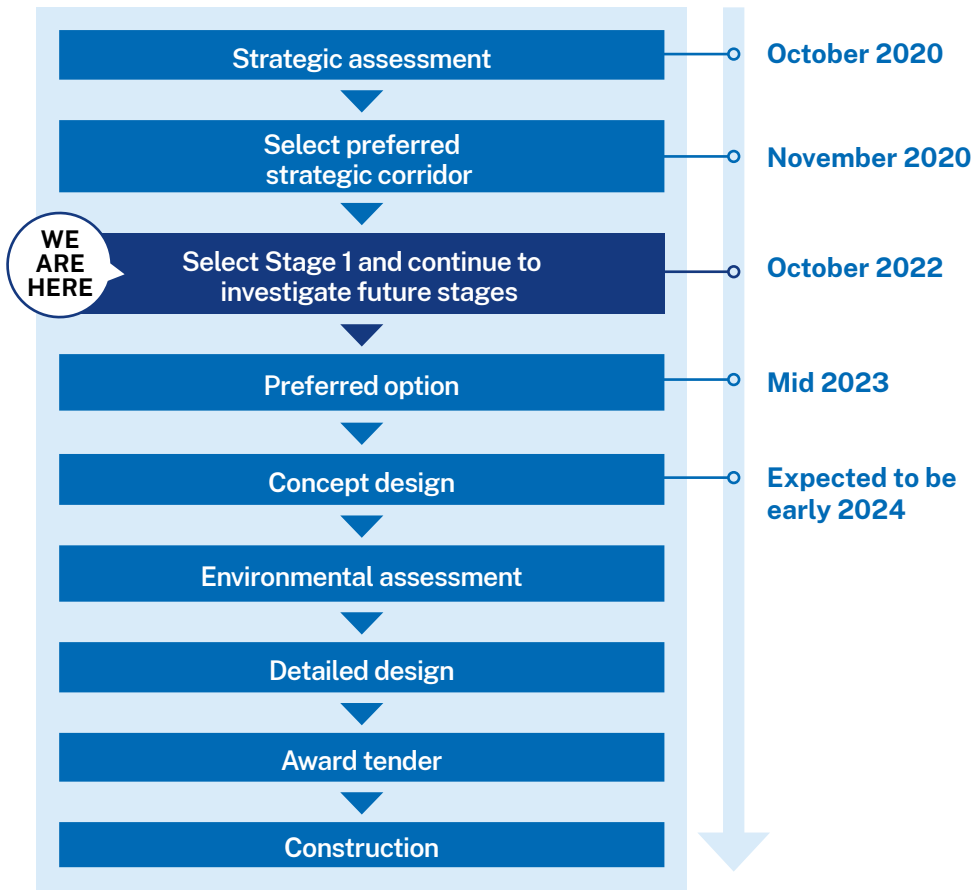
Next steps

We are working towards identifying the preferred option for the Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road highway corridor and will continue to progress the concept design and environmental assessment of the upgrade.

There will be opportunity for community feedback once the preferred option for the Hawken Road intersection is released early next year, as well as further opportunities when the concept design and environmental assessment are released which is expected to be in **early 2024**.



Project development process – Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road





Looking north to Myola and Callalla Beach, Jervis Bay

Stay informed and have your say

You can keep up to date on the project's progress by visiting **nswroads.work/jb2si**.

While Transport will be inviting the community to provide comment on the project as it progresses, you can provide feedback at any time by contacting the project team.

Contact us

Please contact the project team if you have any questions or would like more information:



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