Transport for NSW



Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade

Princes Highway upgrade program

Frequently Asked Questions





Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

The Australian and NSW governments are investing \$164 million in an upgrade to the Princes Highway and Jervis Bay Road intersection at Falls Creek.

What is being delivered as part of the Jervis Bay Road and Princes Highway intersection upgrade project?

Transport for NSW (Transport) is delivering a grade separated interchange, (also known as a flyover), with roundabouts on either side, on Jervis Bay Road. This was determined as the most effective design to improve safety and efficiency following investigations and community consultation.

The construction contract was awarded to SRG Global in October 2023 and early works started in December 2023. Major construction started in March 2024. Work is expected to be completed in late 2027.

What are the benefits of the upgrade?

The intersection upgrade will:

- improve safety for all transport users
- reduce congestion
- improve resilience
- support pedestrians, cyclists and public transport customers
- grow regional economies including tourism and freight
- improve access to local roads.

Why is an intersection upgrade needed?

The Jervis Bay Road intersection is a key gateway along the Princes Highway corridor, providing the main east-west link to the coastal villages of Huskisson, Vincentia, Hyams Beach and Jervis Bay.

The intersection has the highest volume of vehicle movements on the Princes Highway between Nowra in the north and the Victorian border in the south. Vehicle movements are about 23,070 vehicles per day on the Princes Highway and about 9,830 vehicles per day on Jervis Bay Road. There are significant delays and queuing on Jervis Bay Road, particularly during weekday and holiday peaks.

There have been six reported crashes at the existing intersection in the five years to March 2024. The intersection also scores poorly (two out of five stars) against the Australian Road Assessment Program road safety risk analysis.

Design features

What will the new intersection look like?

The design includes the following features:

realignment of the existing Princes
 Highway, including widening from two
 lanes to a four-lane divided highway (two
 lanes in each direction), with median
 separation using flexible safety barriers,
 providing an uninterrupted through
 alignment for the Princes Highway

- an overpass bridge for the Princes Highway over Jervis Bay Road
- two single-lane roundabouts below the overpass bridge providing:
 - direct access from Jervis Bay Road and Old Princes Highway to the Princes Highway
 - direct access from the Princes
 Highway to Jervis Bay Road and Old
 Princes Highway.
 - direct connection to existing properties and businesses on the Old Princes Highway
- a connection from Willowgreen Road to Old Princes Highway
- tie-ins with the Old Princes Highway and with Jervis Bay Road.



What will the multi-modal transport facility include?

A multi-modal facility is included as part of the project to support public transport access to the Bay and Basin area.

The facility will be accessed from the southbound on ramp via a one-way road and connect to Jervis Bay Road. Shared user paths will connect the multi-modal facility to Jervis Bay Road and Old Princes Highway for pedestrians and cyclists. The design and layout of the facility includes:

- bus bays, for around four buses
- kiss and ride spots, for around five vehicles
- car parking for around 50 vehicles
- bicycle racks for around 30 bicycles
- bus shelters, including seating for around 20 people
- lighting.

The multi-modal facility will not include rest stop facilities.

Environmental impacts

How much land was cleared?

During the planning phase of the project, 16.6 hectares were identified and approved to be cleared to allow for safe and efficient construction.

We acknowledge vegetation clearing carried out on site has been concerning for some community members.

As the project continues, landscaping and re-vegetation, including planting trees and seed spraying, will take place to help restore ground coverage. These seed spray mixes include native plants such as Grevilleas, Paperbark trees and Scribbly Gum, which will be done progressively as sections of the construction are completed.

What steps were taken to mitigate environmental impacts?

During the planning and design phase of the project, Transport carried out a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) to ensure measures were included in the project's design to mitigate impacts to the environment.

As the project has progressed into construction, the following mitigation measures are in place:

- minimising the clearing impacts by reducing overall cleared area and amending methodologies to reduce clearing
- engaged an experienced ecologist on-site during all clearing operations to safely relocate any fauna found during clearing
- an extensive preclearing process has been implemented to identify fauna and fauna habitat to allow for safe relocation
- artificial hollows have been created to provide new fauna habitat in the surrounding area. For more information on these hollows, <u>view our</u> video here
- staging habitat removal; for example, clearing non-habitat trees first followed by habitat trees at least 24 hours later to provide opportunity for any potential fauna to vacate.

As part of ongoing environmental mitigation strategies, any flora and fauna identified during our work will instigate a stop work procedure while an assessment is carried out to determine impacts and next steps.

Will the project increase flooding in the nearby area?

The design of the Jervis Bay Road intersection upgrade will allow water to be redistributed across a wider area around the site, reducing the impact and intensity of severe rain events in the area.

The extension of the existing culverts also allows the water to use natural river flow paths in moving water through the area.

Additional culverts will also be installed as part of the project, and these will allow rain water to flow naturally through the area.

How will work progress during 2025?

During 2025 work will ramp up and include

- piling works for foundations and starting work on the bridge
- building embankments and new road surfaces on the Princes Highway and Jervis Bay Road
- drainage work construction
- beginning revegetation at various locations across the site.

Construction stages

Stage 0

Initial planning and investigations

Stage 1

Utility relocation, eastern access road and drainage

Stage 2

Bridge construction, Princes Highway embankment construction, eastern access road and Jervis Bay Road

Stage 3

Western roundabout, northbound on and off ramps, bridge completion and opening

Stage 4

Old Princes Highway, multi-modal transport facility

Stage 5

Remove temporary pavements and start demobilisation

Stage 6

Completion expected late 2027

How can I contact the project team?

Transport remains committed to engaging with the community throughout the project to answer questions and address concerns.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact us on 1800 570 562 or email at JBRcommunity@srgglobal.com.au.

How can I stay informed about the project?

Subscribe to our mailing list on the project website: nswroads.work/jervisbayroad

