

Princes Highway and Field Street, Narooma intersection safety upgrade

Frequently asked questions

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

Why are traffic lights considered the best option for this intersection?

Our investigations have shown traffic lights provide the best immediate and long-term improvements to road safety at this intersection for all road users.

A roundabout was also investigated and considered but is not feasible at this location due to the large construction footprint required with significant impacts to adjacent properties.

How often will the lights stop traffic on the Princes Highway?

The traffic lights will prioritise traffic flow on the Princes Highway and will only activate when vehicles approach from Field Street or the holiday park driveway, or when pedestrians activate the crossing. This allows the lights to adapt to traffic and pedestrian movements through the town, improving traffic efficiency and pedestrian safety, particularly in busy periods.

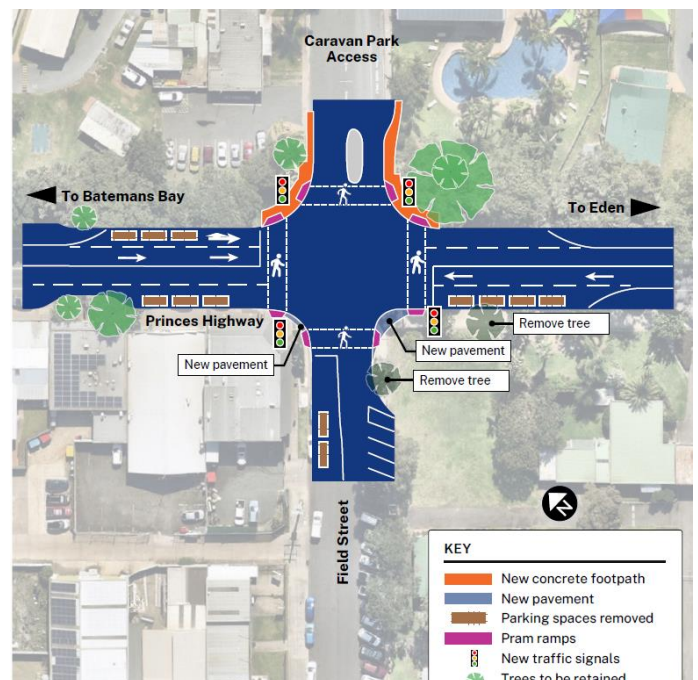
How frequently will pedestrians be able to cross at the traffic lights?

The pedestrian crossing phase will only occur if activated by a pedestrian, however the phasing of the lights aims to maximise the efficiency of the intersection and reduce unnecessary delays for road users and pedestrians.

Left and right turn red arrow protection will be provided to enhance pedestrian safety at this intersection.

When will the intersection be upgraded and how long will it take?

Subject to approval, work is expected to start later this year and take about 12 weeks to complete, weather permitting.



Proposed layout of the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection upgrade.

Transport will update the community when the timeline for work is confirmed.

How will parking be impacted by the upgraded intersection?

During the detailed design phase of planning, we refined the design to minimise parking loss as much as possible. However, the intersection upgrade will require the removal of some parking spaces (as shown in the image above) to ensure sufficient traffic flow and safety. .

We understand this may be a concern for some businesses and community members. However, the improved pedestrian connections provided by the traffic lights will make alternate nearby parking options more accessible as it will be easier and safer to cross the highway to access businesses.

Has the community had an opportunity to provide feedback on the Field Street intersection upgrade?

During 2024, Transport carried out consultation to inform the feasibility study for the Narooma Bridge and Transport Improvements project. As part of this consultation, Transport received feedback on the need to upgrade the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection.

Common themes heard from the community about the intersection included:

- road users find it difficult and unsafe to turn in and out of Field Street due to poor visibility and traffic congestion
- pedestrians find it difficult to safely cross the Princes Highway, particularly those with mobility issues
- amenity of the town would be improved with better connections for pedestrians.

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Transport welcomes the funding provided as part of the Australian and NSW governments' Road Safety Program to deliver the intersection upgrade and improve safety, pedestrian and active transport connectivity and network efficiency in Narooma.

Was Eurobodalla Shire Council engaged in the planning process?

Transport has worked closely with Eurobodalla Shire Council, a key stakeholder in the Princes Highway and Field Street intersection upgrade project.

How will Transport minimise impacts during construction?

Transport's work schedule will include a combination of night and day work to minimise impacts on businesses and the community.

Transport will notify the community once the work schedule and construction dates are confirmed.

What are the next steps?

Work to finalise the design is continuing and the community, including local business owners, can provide feedback during our community drop-in session or via email until 9 March 2025.

A community drop-in session will be held on Saturday 22 February 2025 at Nata Oval (just off the Princes Highway), Narooma.

Members of the Transport project team will be available between 10am and 2pm to discuss the project and answer any questions.



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