

Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road upgrade

Princes Highway upgrade program

Community update | July 2025



Princes Highway, Falls Creek

Transport for NSW (Transport) is progressing the Princes Highway upgrade from Jervis Bay Road to Hawken Road and has refined the highway design following community feedback. As planning continues for the highway upgrade, specialist investigations will be carried out to support the development of the project's concept design and environmental assessment.

Project overview



The upgrade will provide two lanes in each direction for six kilometres of the Princes Highway between Jervis Bay Road and Hawken Road, separated by a median barrier. There will also be an intersection upgrade at Hawken Road, Tomerong.

The \$500 million project, is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments, with benefits including improved safety, traffic efficiency, improved freight access and network resilience. The upgrade will also support the region's sustainability and enable an increase in the use of active and public transport while respecting the surrounding community and environment.

Project benefits



Improve network safety for all transport customers



Improve freight access and efficiency



Improve traffic efficiency and connectivity



Enable an increase in the use of active and public transport



Improve transport network resilience



Support sustainability of the region

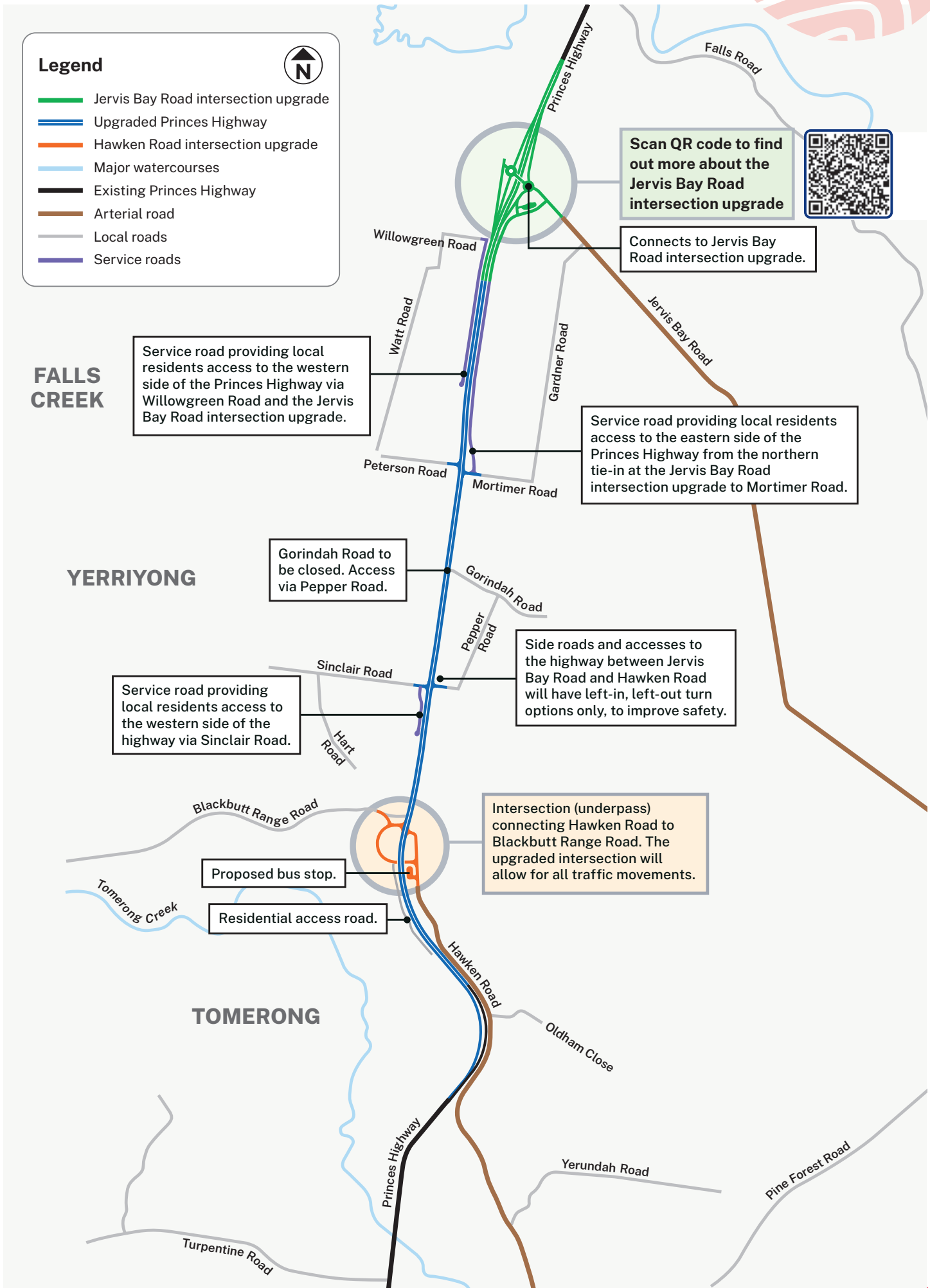


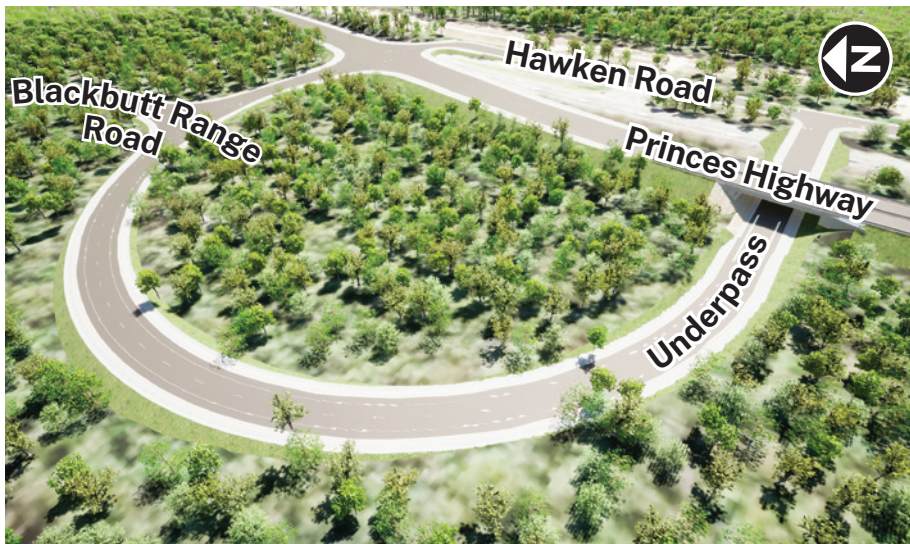
Respect our community and environment



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which the project is being built and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Highway upgrade design refinements





Updated design of the Princes Highway intersection at Hawken Road, Tomerong.

Design refinements

Since awarding a contract to MRB Technical Services late last year for the development of the concept design and environmental assessment, we have further refined the preferred option. These refinements have considered community feedback and initial investigation findings to reduce impacts on the local community and the environment.

The updated design includes changes to the Princes Highway intersection at Hawken Road, Tomerong. The refined design will connect Blackbutt Range Road and Hawken Road via an underpass, instead of an overpass as shown in the initial design.

The changes will reduce the interchange's overall footprint as well as the amount of vegetation clearing required, while maintaining the ability to safely perform all traffic movements through the intersection.

The design helps to minimise visual impacts and preserves landscape views to the east and west for motorists. The introduction of wildlife connectivity measures will minimise wildlife impacts.

Design refinements will deliver:



a smaller overall project footprint



a reduction in vegetation clearing



reduced visual impacts



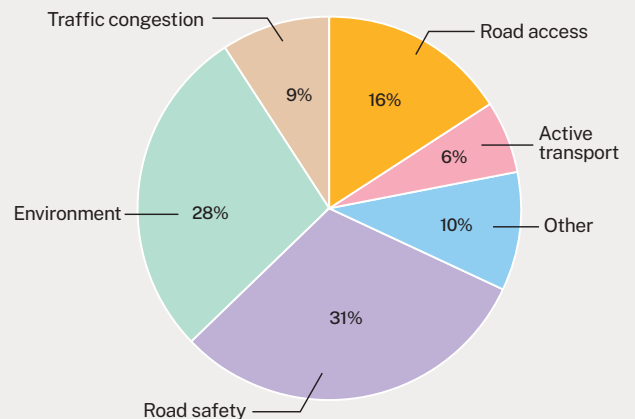
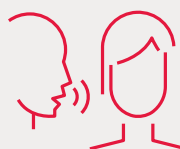
wildlife connectivity



improved safety and traffic efficiency



Key themes from community feedback



Community feedback - what we heard

Transport gathered community feedback on the project via the 'Have Your Say' webpage, during community drop-in sessions, at community meetings and by talking with local residents about how they access the highway.

We received comments about road safety and impacts to the environment together with feedback on local roads accessing the highway, active transport and traffic congestion.

Comments were also made about safety issues at the current Hawken Road and Jervis Bay Road intersections and other local roads and private properties accessing the highway. Support was provided for the upgrade of the Jervis Bay Road intersection (neighbouring project in construction) and the inclusion of two lanes in each direction along the upgraded highway to ease traffic congestion.

Other feedback included support for wildlife crossings and underpasses, concerns about vegetation clearing impacts, water runoff and drainage, active transport provisions, inclusion of more signage to highlight local and regional destinations and the scale of the Hawken Road intersection.

We thank those who provided feedback. We have used these comments to refine the design to help mitigate impacts to the environment and community, and improve road safety and traffic efficiency.

Project milestones

- Announce project
- Early investigations and select strategic corridor
- Community engagement – feedback on strategic corridor
- Select Stage 1 and continue to investigate future stages
- Identify preferred option
- Community engagement – feedback on preferred option
- WE ARE HERE** ○ Development of Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and concept design
- Community engagement – display of REF and concept design to gather feedback late 2025/early 2026
- Release REF and concept design consultation summary report
- Approval of REF and concept design
- Award design and construction contract
- Detailed design
- Construction

Meet the project team



Transport is holding information sessions where the community can meet the project team and learn more about the latest highway design changes. Drop in and see us at the following locations:

Thursday 24 July, 12pm-4pm

Nowra Centre Plaza

Thursday 31 July, 12pm-4pm

HomeCo Vincentia

Saturday 16 August, 8am-1.30pm

Tomerong Markets

Next steps

Transport continues to work in partnership with MRB Technical Services to develop the concept design and environmental assessment that will inform the project's REF. Local residents may notice people working in the area over the next few months as we carry out technical studies to inform the design, including biodiversity, noise monitoring, hydrology, traffic and heritage investigations.

Potentially impacted property owners will continue to be directly contacted by Transport throughout late 2025 and into early 2026 to discuss the next phase of the project. We will also continue to engage with the community as we prepare for the public display of the project's concept design and REF later this year or early next year. The community will be invited to provide feedback at this time. Transport will review all submissions and respond to feedback in a consultation summary report, which will be released publicly once finalised.



Community information session at Tomerong, NSW

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