

## Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Evacuation Road Resilience Program

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The NSW Government is delivering the Resilient Valley, Resilient Communities – Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley Flood Risk Management Strategy (the Flood Strategy).

As part of the Flood Strategy, Transport for NSW have identified more than 100 infrastructure improvements at key low points of the flood evacuation road network in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley.

### About the Road Resilience Program

The NSW and Australian Governments have committed \$33 million towards planning for more than 100 improvements that will make the flood evacuation network more resilient.

Road infrastructure improvements have been identified across four Western Sydney Local Government areas: Penrith, Hawkesbury, Blacktown, and The Hills.

The improvement projects include road shoulder widening, new culvert and bridge structures, road raising, pinch point upgrades and drainage improvements to address local flash flooding which causes premature closure of evacuation routes.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley has the highest flood exposure in NSW due to its unique landscape and large existing population. Floods in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley can and have had a significant impact on people's lives, livelihoods, and homes.

The objective of the Hawkesbury Nepean Valley Flood Evacuation Road Resilience Program is to improve the immunity of existing evacuation routes to local and flash flooding in a major flood event.

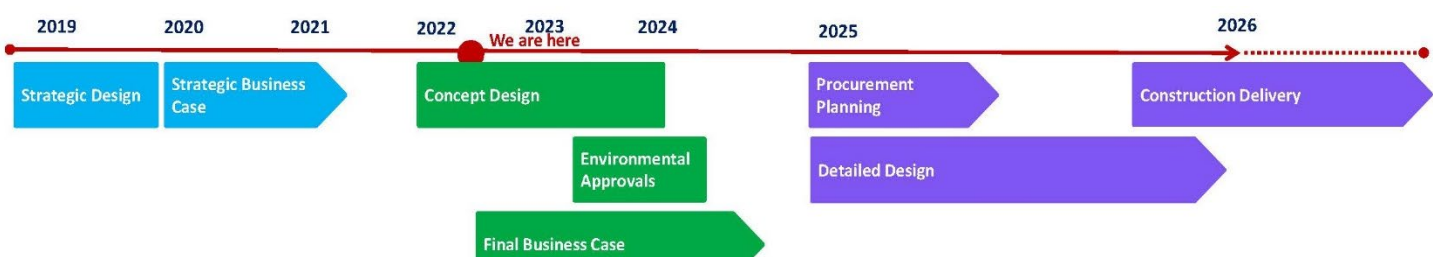
### Current planning stage

Transport is working closely with local councils on the planning of the improvements across state, local and regional roads.

Planning work will commence from August, including site investigations to inform the development of identified improvements.

Preliminary site investigation works will be undertaken across the four Local Government Areas as shown in the map overleaf.

The diagram below shows the planning lifecycle, outlining where the current planning stage is in relation to the overall timeframe of the program.



## Site investigation work

Investigations will include surveying, utility, environmental and geotechnical investigations.

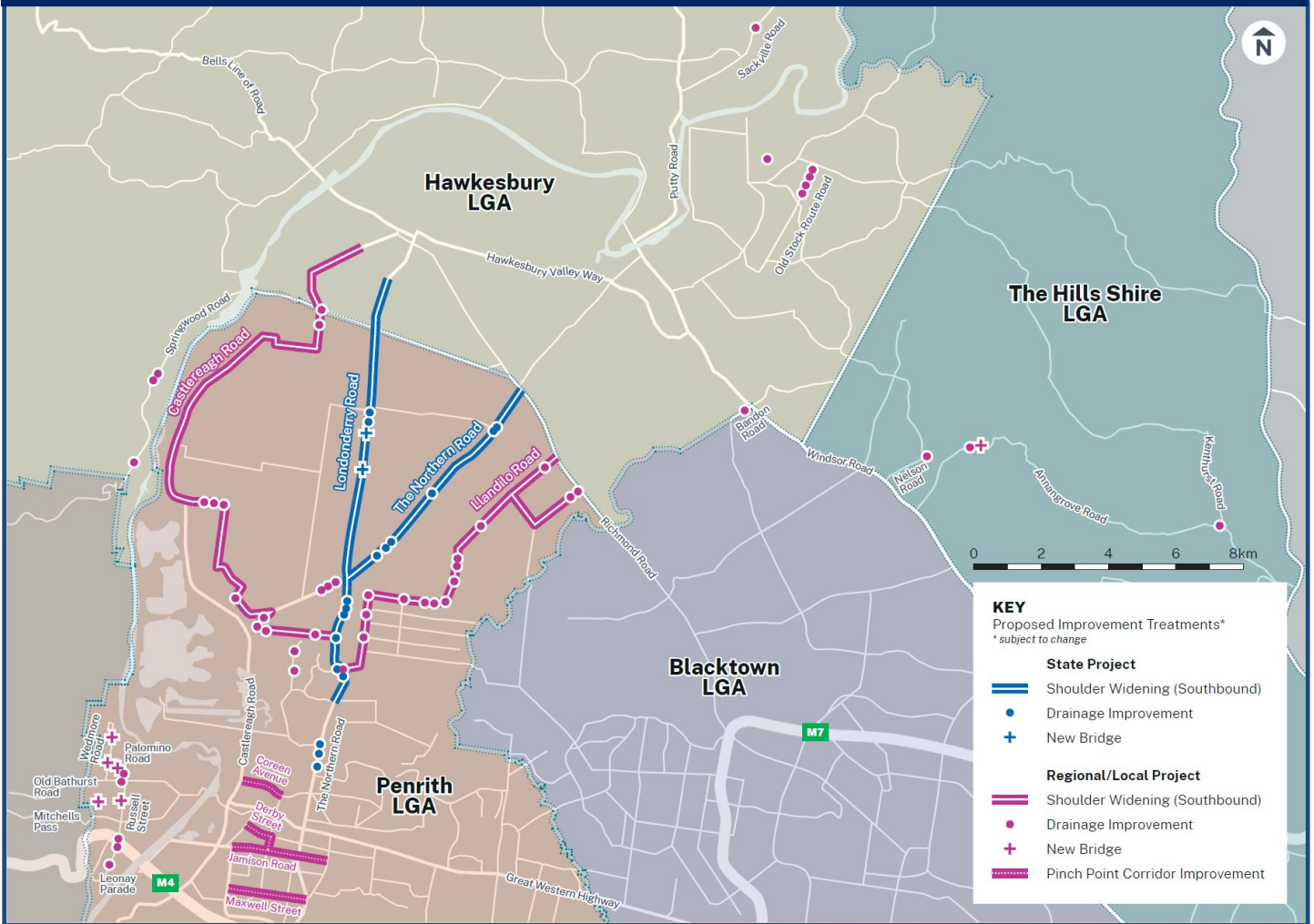
The work may include some potholing, drilling or excavating holes to collect information on underground utilities, groundwater, soil and rock conditions.

Once complete we will reinstate the area by replacing soil.

Transport will soon be in contact with property owners where we require access to private property to carry out the investigations.

The map below shows the extent of preliminary site investigation works as part of the planning phase of the Program.

## Location of proposed improvements



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