Princes Highway upgrade – Berry to Bomaderry

Finalised review of environmental factors and submissions report.

In November 2013, Roads and Maritime Services displayed the review of environmental factors (REF) and concept road design for the proposed Princes Highway upgrade between Berry and Bomaderry.

Since this display, Roads and Maritime has carefully considered the feedback received and has determined the REF. Roads and Maritime will make some changes to the concept road design as a result of the feedback from the community and stakeholders. The changes are described and shown overleaf.

A submissions report summarising the issues raised in response to the display and Roads and Maritime’s responses to those issues has been published. This report is available from the project website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/bbu. A copy of the report is also available for viewing at the project office in Berry and CD copies can be provided if requested.

What happens next?
Changes to the concept road design are currently underway as a result of the feedback received.

Roads and Maritime will continue to consult with affected property owners about land acquisition and the associated impacts.

Yours faithfully

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In response to feedback received from the community during the display of the review of environmental factors and concept road design, the following changes will be made.

**O’Keeffes Lane and Turners Lane access**
Changes will be made to allow motorists to turn right into O’Keeffes Lane and Turners Lane. Provision of right turning bays into these roads will improve access for local residents and business operators.

**Improved pedestrian and cycle access**
The overpasses and underpasses at Jaspers Brush / Strongs Road, Morschels Lane / Devitts Lane and Pestells Lane / Meroo Road will now include a one metre wide pedestrian footpath and two metre wide road shoulder for cyclists.

**Flying Fox Creek vehicle access track**
The Flying Fox Creek bridge will be widened to allow for a vehicle access track under the bridge and away from the creek’s edge to reduce environmental impacts.

**U-turn bay at Boxsells Lane**
A u-turn facility will now be included in Boxsells Lane about 230 metres west of the intersection with the highway. This will improve access for local residents and business operators and provide a safer option for motorists making a u-turn in Boxsells Lane.

**New pedestrian / cycling provisions on overpasses and underpasses**

**New Flying Fox Creek underpass**
In response to feedback received about noise and visual impacts in the vicinity of Tandingulla Creek Bridge, the proposed highway geometry will be modified to reduce these impacts on affected residences. Roads and Maritime will also include fauna friendly features in the bridge designs at Flying Fox Creek, Jaspers Brush Creek and Wileys Creek.