

Media Release



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REFINED CONCEPT DESIGN ON DISPLAY FOR HERONS CREEK TO STILLS ROAD UPGRADE

The refined concept design and review of environmental factors for the Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade is now on display.

An RTA spokesperson said it was important that community members gave their feedback, which will be considered in finalising the concept design.

“This proposal is part of the continuing Pacific Highway upgrade - delivering safer roads and cutting travel times,” the spokesperson said.

“The design for the 3.3km upgrade has been refined and a review of environmental factors (REF) has been prepared and is now on display for community comment.

“The refined concept design includes details on the proposed location of interchanges, service roads and staging options for the project.

“The RTA encourages community members to visit the display and comment on the refined concept design and review of environmental factors.

“Once community feedback has been received, the RTA will consider the project for approval.”

As part of the Herons Creek to Stills Road upgrade the northbound carriageway will be constructed parallel to the existing southbound carriageway. The existing northbound carriageway will be used as a two way service road.

“Following the display of the concept design in February 2006, a number of community submissions were received and have been considered.

“As a result of this community feedback, the roundabout proposed for the intersection of Bago Road and the service road has been replaced by an improved curve, providing a more direct connection in stage two.

“Forestry access will also be provided at the Bobs Creek Road connection.”

The refined design and review of environmental factors will be on display for community comment until Friday 8 June 2007 at the following locations.

- Laurieton Library, Laurie Street, Laurieton (Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 5pm).
- Greater Taree Council, Pulteney Street, Taree (Mon - Fri, 9.30am - 5pm).
- Port Macquarie - Hastings Council, cnr Burrawan Street and Lord Street, Port Macquarie (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- Port Macquarie RTA Motor Registry, cnr Central Road and Barton Crescent, Port Macquarie (Mon - Fri, 8.30am - 5pm and Sat, 8.30am - 12noon).

- Wauchope RTA Motor Registry, cnr Young Street and Hastings Street, Wauchope (Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm).
- RTA Hunter Regional Office, 59 Darby Street, Newcastle (Mon - Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm).
- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton (Mon - Fri, 8.30am - 4.30pm).

For more information, visit the RTA's website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Herons Creek to Stills Road) or phone the toll free project information line on 1800 232 290.

The completed Pacific Highway Upgrade will mean 664 kilometres of continuous dual carriageway from the F3 Freeway near Hexham to the Tugun Bypass on the Queensland border.

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