



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **PROJECT APPROVAL GRANTED FAILFORD ROAD TO TRITTON ROAD**

Project approval has been granted for the three kilometre upgrade of the Pacific Highway between Failford Road and Tritton Road, about 25 km south of Taree.

Following the display of the refined design and Review of Environmental Factors in June 2008, the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) determined on 30 September 2008 that the construction and operation of the Failford Road to Tritton Road upgrade could proceed.

The approval was subject to the implementation of all environmental controls and mitigation measures detailed in the Review of Environmental Factors, the submissions report and the Conditions of Approval.

An RTA spokesperson said this project approval was an important step in completing the upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

“The project team is now proceeding to prepare the detailed design based on the final project approval. Funding for construction is subject of negotiations between the State and Federal governments under the National Land Transport Network.

“The three kilometre upgrade would raise the standard of this section of highway to be consistent with adjoining sections of the highway,” the spokesperson said.

“A new carriageway will be built adjacent to the existing southbound carriageway on the eastern side (the existing southbound lanes would become the new northbound lanes).”

The project approval documents are on display at the following locations:

- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street Grafton, (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm).
- Greater Taree Council, Pulteney Street, Taree (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).
- Great Lakes Council, Breese Parade, Forster (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).
- Nabiac Old Bank Centre, Nabiac Street, Nabiac (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

- Forster RTA Motor Registry, Shop 6, Stockland Shopping Centre, Breese Parade, Forster (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm).
- Taree RTA Motor Registry, 7 Macquarie Street, Taree (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm and Sat, 8.30am–12 noon).
- RTA Hunter Regional Office, 59 Darby Street, Newcastle (Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm).

For more information, visit the RTA's website at [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific) (click on Failford Road to Tritton Road) or phone the toll free project information line on 1800 232 290.

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