Questions and Answers

Proposed upgrade of Manns Road and the Pacific Highway between Lisarow and Narara

What is happening with the proposed upgrade?

As previously advised, Roads and Maritime Services has been investigating a future potential upgrade of Manns Road and the Pacific Highway between Narara Creek Road, Narara and Parsons Road, Lisarow.

Additional investigations have been made based on the design displayed in September 2016. In recognition of the complexity and size of this project, Roads and Maritime has decided to split the current proposal into at least two sections:

- **Southern section** (from Narara Creek Road to about 250 metres north of Berrys Head Road)
- **Northern section** (from about 250 metres north of Berrys Head Road to Parsons Road at Lisarow)

Why split the proposed upgrade?

The proposal was split in recognition of the complexity and size of the project. The decision will also help minimise the impact and displacement to the local community from upgrading the entire 4.7 kilometre length of the road at one time. Investigations will be carried out in the future to establish if the work can be split into smaller, more manageable sections to further lessen the impact to the community.

Which section will you look at first and when?

It is anticipated that further work would be undertaken on the southern section first, however it is considered highly unlikely any construction work will occur in this section for at least five years. Construction work on the northern section is considered unlikely to occur for at least ten years. The precise boundaries of these sections will be further refined when a timeframe has been decided for proceeding with any upgrade work.

I was told last year my property was going to be acquired. Will it still be acquired by Roads and Maritime?

We previously advised you, or the previous owners of your property, that your property would need to be acquired either in part or in full to enable future road upgrades to occur. While no decision has yet been made about the timing of any work, the investigations completed to date have helped clarify the future road boundaries that would be needed and how this could impact properties along the corridor. Although property acquisition as advised will ultimately be required, Roads and Maritime will not proceed with any
further property acquisitions until construction funding and an environmental assessment for the relevant works has been approved. As indicated above, there is currently no specific timeframe for this. Property owners will be advised about acquisition timeframes once known.

We have now updated all potentially impacted property owners of the possibility of acquisition of their property including timeline guidance. As all properties identified for acquisition during the proposed design process are in a major road corridor, they may still be subject to acquisition by Roads and Maritime outside of this project.

**Why were residents and owners told of the potential acquisition of their properties?**

Planning and investigations for complex major road developments take a number of years to complete, however Roads and Maritime considers it important that it informs individual property owners as early as possible in the process if their property may be required. Numerous investigations, design stages and environmental assessments are required as part of the planning for any project. Roads and Maritime ensures that local residents are consulted at a number of points throughout the development process as we recognise the important role they play in refining the design to best deliver for their community. When road upgrades occur in densely populated areas, such as the Narara to Lisarow investigation area, property acquisition is usually required to deliver the best safety and traffic outcomes. We try to minimise any impact to properties by using existing road corridors and land already owned by Roads and Maritime or Council but at times it is not possible, and full or partial property acquisition is required.

**What happens next?**

Roads and Maritime is continuing with traffic modelling and environmental investigations. Further investigations will be carried out in the future to establish if the work can be split into smaller, more manageable sections to further lessen the impact to the community. We will continue to keep the community informed as the proposal development progresses.