F3 Freeway to Raymond Terrace
Upgrading the Pacific Highway

CONCEPT DESIGN
JULY 2008

Detailed report available

The F3 Freeway to Raymond Terrace Concept Design Report and associated working papers explain how the concept design was developed, the major planning constraints and the potential impacts of the project. The report is available on the project website or by telephoning the project information line (see contact information box on the back of this brochure).

Stay involved

The RTA will continue to consult with landowners and the community about the concept design. Your comments on the concept design should be sent to the address shown in the contact information box. All comments received will be considered during the environmental assessment. This assessment would be undertaken closer to the time of expected construction (see ‘What happens next?’).

Display locations

The concept design is on display until Friday 15 August 2008 at the locations shown below:

- Newcastle City Council, 282 King Street, Newcastle (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm).
- Port Stephens Council, 116 Adelaide Street, Raymond Terrace (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5pm).
- Maitland Visitor Information Centre, Woolgoolga, Pacific Highway/Heathcote (7 days, 9am - 7pm). Technological Advancements & Environmental Assessment: The concept design is on display until Friday 15 August 2008.

- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm).
- RTA Hunter Regional Office, 59 Clifton Street, Newcastle (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm).

Staffed displays

Project staff will be available to discuss the concept design in more detail at:

- Maitland Visitor Information Centre, Woolgoolga, Pacific Highway/Heathcote (7 days, 9am - 7pm).
- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm).
- RTA Hunter Regional Office, 59 Clifton Street, Newcastle (Monday to Friday 9.30am - 4.30pm).

How to send comments

- To send comments contact:
  - Sigrid Sanderson, Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd
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What happens next?

Following the display of the concept design, the RTA will consider issues raised in comments received and re-examine the design. Once this process is finalised, the relevant local councils will be approached to have the corridor formally reserved in their local environmental plans. The boundaries of the corridor will be based on the final concept design. Timing of construction will depend on funding availability.

Legend

- Upgrade completed
- Upgrade approved or preferred route identified, or route being proposed for project approval
- Under construction

Note: the timing of the next steps depends on future funding.
Alignment changes
These changes to the upgrade alignment follow consultation with stakeholders and property owners and comments received during the display of the preferred route in August 2004. The changes are:

- The highway at Mountaine Road has been located to minimise the impact on industrial area. Princetown Road would now pass over the upgraded highway. This reduces the amount of earthworks and the footprint of the upgrade.
- Minor change to the design of the Black Hill interchange to reduce impacts on endangered flora and Aboriginal heritage.

Access arrangements and interchanges
A grade-separated full access interchange would be provided at the F3 Freeway at Black Hill, south of the John Renshaw Drive roundabout.

A partial interchange at the Raymond Terrace bypass would enable access from the local road network to the upgrade and vice versa.

Access to Tomago Road and the industrial area for northbound traffic would be via the new interchange. Access for southbound traffic would be via an off-ramp south of Heatherbraes.

Interchange ramps would also be provided between the Hunter River and Heatherbraes, to allow access:
- From Newcastle and Newham to the upgrade northbound.
- From the upgrade to Tomago Road and Newham.
- From Heatherbraes township to the upgrade.
- From the upgrade to Heatherbraes township.

Access to businesses
Beneath highway businesses would access the highway via the interchange at Black Hill. Traffic could leave and return to the upgrade using the same interchange or could continue northbound to enter the upgrade north of the new interchange.

Access to Heatherbraes Highway businesses would be via interchanges to the south and north of Heatherbraes.