Project update for the future M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace

The NSW Government is providing $3 million in 2015-16 to continue planning for a future extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to the Pacific Highway at Raymond Terrace.

The proposed upgrade involves building 15 kilometres of dual carriageway motorway with two lanes in each direction, bypassing Hexham and Heatherbrae.

A revised concept design was displayed for community comment in October and November 2015. The revised design includes major improvements for connectivity to the surrounding road network and minimises environmental impacts. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to view the design and provide feedback.

Community feedback
A total of 47 submissions were received during the public display. Key issues raised by stakeholders and the community include timing of the project, access to Heatherbrae, impacts to the existing road network, traffic impacts and the revised alignment.

We have published a community consultation report which summarises the comments to the public display and our responses to the issues raised. A copy of this report can be viewed or downloaded from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/m1rt

What happens next?
The feedback received during the public display will be considered to finalise the concept design and prepare the environmental impact statement, which is expected to be displayed for community and stakeholder feedback in 2017.

We are investigating a potential northbound off ramp from the motorway to the south of Heatherbrae in response to stakeholder feedback. We will consult stakeholders and the community if we make any major changes to the current design in this area.

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