Proposal for a new overtaking lane on Bells Line of Road with feedback by Friday 22 May

The NSW Government has provided $48 million to improve road safety and maintain traffic efficiency on the Bells Line of Road, from Kurrajong Heights to Mt Tomah.

As part of the Bells Line of Road Corridor Improvement Program, Roads and Maritime Services is planning to build seven new overtaking lanes to improve road safety and maintain traffic efficiency along Bells Line of Road.

One of these overtaking lanes has already been completed and another is being built. We are now seeking your feedback on a planned new overtaking lane at Site 6. We have provided a map to help better explain the location.

The new eastbound overtaking lane would be about 4.2 metres closer to the property boundary on the northern side of the road and about 700 metres long, starting about 220 metres west of Mount Tootie Road, Bilpin. It would include:

- 0.6 metre wide dividing lines for greater safety
- 3.3 metre wide westbound lanes
- 2 metre wide westbound shoulder.

We will need to remove some vegetation on both sides of the road between the existing road shoulder and property boundaries. This area is required for construction of the overtaking lane.

Vegetation clearing includes:

- 4400m² of Blue Mountains Shale Cap Forest
- 2500m² of Turpentine Ironbark Forest
- 900m² of non-listed vegetation.

Vegetation immediately north of the existing pavement will be removed along the length of the site. Vegetation opposite Mount Tootie Road will be removed between the existing road shoulder and property boundary to allow for the relocation of overhead power lines.
We would appreciate your feedback by **Friday 22 May 2015**. Please send your written comments to our delivery partner DownerMouchel at:

**Bells Line of Road**
**PO Box 6465,**
**North Ryde NSW 2113**

Or contact DownerMouchel on 1800 332 660 or enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com.

Roads and Maritime will consider feedback in finalising its decision about this proposal and will continue to keep the community and stakeholders updated.