New overtaking lanes on the Bells Line of Road

The NSW Government has provided $48 million to improve safety and traffic efficiency on the Bells Line of Road.

In May 2015, Roads and Maritime Services consulted with the community, stakeholders and local businesses on the proposal to widen Bells Line of Road at a location about 220 metres west of Pup Road, Bilpin to provide a new overtaking lane (known as Site 5). We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the proposal and provide feedback.

The overtaking lane for Site 5 would improve traffic flow, reduce traffic delays, and improve road safety for all road users.

The new westbound overtaking lane known as Site 5 would be about 4 metres closer to property boundaries on the southern side of the road and about 1.09 kilometres long, starting about 220 metres west of Pup 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.

In order to build the overtaking lane, the majority of vegetation on the southern side of the road would need to be removed between the existing road shoulder and property boundaries. This area would be required for construction of the overtaking lane. Vegetation clearing would include:

- 7500m² of Blue Mountains Shale Cap Forest
- 100m² of Turpentine Ironbark Forest
- 1800m² of non-listed vegetation.

We have provided a map overleaf to help explain this work.

Community feedback

We received nine submissions on 11 separate issues including safety, environmental impacts, traffic impacts and loss of rural amenity. We have considered all feedback and have decided to proceed with the project.

A copy of the Community Consultation Report, which summarises the matters raised for Sites 5, 6 and 7 along with Roads and Maritime’s responses is available at rms.nsw.gov.au/projects or by contacting the project team on 1800 332 660 or by email to enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com

What happens next?

Work on the overtaking lane for Site 5 is expected to start later this year.
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