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 Mount Tootie Road, Bilpin to provide a new overtaking lane (known as Site 6). We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the proposal and provide feedback.

The overtaking lane for Site 6 would improve traffic flow, reduce traffic delays, and improve road safety for all road users.

The new eastbound overtaking lane known as Site 6 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 eastbound lanes
- 2 metre wide eastbound shoulder.

In order to build the overtaking lane, some vegetation on both sides 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:

- 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 the property boundary to allow for the relocation of overhead power lines.

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

Community feedback
We received 13 submissions on 18 separate issues including safety, environmental impacts, traffic impacts, loss of rural amenity, impacts to emergency services, construction impacts, impacts to private property and comments on the consultation process. We have considered all feedback and 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

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What happens next?
Work on the overtaking lane for Site 6 is expected to start in late 2016.

Contact
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