Great Western Highway upgrade – Kelso to Raglan

Community Update

July 2019

The NSW Government is investing $30 million to ease traffic congestion and improve road safety for all motorists along the Great Western Highway between Kelso and Raglan.

Roads and Maritime Services has developed a concept design and invites your feedback.

Background

The Kelso to Raglan upgrade forms part of the Great Western Highway upgrade program. Located just east of Bathurst, it runs from Ashworth Drive in Kelso to east of Ceramic Avenue, Raglan. The Great Western Highway between Kelso and Raglan is often congested during major events, holiday seasons and weekends. The upgrade will significantly improve travel efficiency during these times.

Roads and Maritime has been progressively upgrading sections of the Great Western Highway since 2015. The most recent Great Western Highway upgrade at Kelso opened to traffic in March 2017.

Once the project has been completed, there will be two lanes of traffic travelling eastbound for 11.2 kilometres from the Stewart Street roundabout to the end of the eastbound overtaking lane on the Great Western Highway just west of Glanmire.

Project features

The key features of the project include:

- New, stronger and smoother highway for 3.6 kilometres from Kelso to the east of Raglan
- Two lanes in each direction from Ashworth Drive to Napoleon Street
- Two lanes eastbound and one lane westbound from Napoleon Street to east of Ceramic Avenue
- Safer turning paths at intersections with the highway
- Central medians to separate traffic.
- Improved drainage of the highway
- Shared pedestrian/cyclist path.

Project benefits

The significant project benefits include:

- Reduced congestion, particularly during major events and holiday periods
- A much smoother drive and reduced road maintenance requirements
- Improved access to Bathurst Airport
- Improved connections for regional communities
- Improved road safety for all road users
- Improved flood immunity of the highway
- Improved pedestrian and bicycle access to Kelso.
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- Two lanes in each direction to Napoleon Street
- Nelson Street remains closed
- Improved access to Bathurst Regional Airport
- Two eastbound lanes that join the existing overtaking lane, one westbound lane

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- Proposed work area
- Proposed intersection work
Next steps

Preliminary investigations
Strategic design
Concept design and environmental impact assessment
Detailed design
Pre-construction activities
Construction

Drop in sessions
The closing date for feedback is 15 August 2019.
You may like to view the design and speak with the project team at the following times:

**Bathurst City Centre**
210 Howick Street, Bathurst
Thursday 25 July 11am – 2pm
Thursday 1 August 3pm – 7pm

**Raglan Community Hall**
Frome Street, Raglan
Friday 26 July 10:30am – 2:30pm

There will be an unstaffed display available at Bathurst Regional Council, 158 Russell Street, Bathurst NSW.

Find out more

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