Newell Highway upgrade
February 2017

The Australian and NSW governments have committed funding to plan for the upgrade of the Newell Highway upgrade between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla. Roads and Maritime Services invites you to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed project.

Roads and Maritime is planning to upgrade the Newell Highway between Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla north of Moree. This will improve safety for motorists and reduce future maintenance requirements.

The project includes planning for up to 28 kilometres of new road pavement, 3.5 metre wide lanes in each direction, intersection improvements, widening of road shoulders and provision of two new overtaking lanes.

**Review of Environmental Factors**

We have completed an REF for the project and it is now on display for your information and comment.

As part of the development of this project, consultation has been carried out with landholders, road users, the local community and other key stakeholders. This feedback has been considered during the development of the REF.

The REF explains the methods that would be used to mitigate and manage the likely impacts of the upgrade.

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### Project benefits

- Increase travel reliability between Mungle Back Creek and Boggabilla
- Reduce travel times and the cost of maintenance along the Newell Highway
- Improve road safety for road users
- Provide a heavy duty pavement to meet the existing and future freight needs along this route
- Improve the Newell Highway flood immunity where feasible and reasonable
- Support regional and local economic development.
Display locations
The REF report is on display from **28 February** to **28 March** at:
- rms.nsw.gov.au/munglebackcreek
- Moree Plans Shire Council, MAX Centre, Cnr Balo and Heber Streets Moree
- Boggabilla Office, Moree Plains Shire Council, Boggabilla TAFE, South Street, Boggabilla
  - Office hours Tuesday to Thursday 9am to 2pm.

What happens next?
A submissions report summarising the comments made during consultation and a response to each issue will be made available when the REF is finalised.
We will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Project timeline
- Preliminary investigations
- Preferred option and development of concept design
- Public display of the REF
- Project approved and detailed design is carried out
- Final design
- Invite tenders to build
- Construction

Have your say
Please provide feedback on the REF by **28 March 2017**, by sending your comments to:
- newell.upgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au
- 1800 741 636
- Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla, Roads and Maritime Services, Level 1/76 Victoria Street, Grafton NSW 2460

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