M1 Princes Motorway improvements
Picton Road to Bulli Tops (Stage One)

December 2016

The Australian and NSW Governments have jointly committed $84 million for improvements to the M1 Princes Motorway between Bulli Tops and Picton Road.

A preferred option and review of environmental factors has been completed for stage one of the project and are on display for community comment until Friday 3 February 2017.

**Background**

The M1 Princes Motorway is the main road linking Sydney with the Illawarra and South Coast. It is a vital link for commuters, an important tourist route and a critical freight route for access to Port Kembla.

This section of the Princes Motorway carries around 37,000 vehicles per day, around 13 percent of which are heavy vehicles.

The steep alignment of the Motorway can cause road safety issues particularly in several sections where heavy vehicles struggle to maintain speed.

The first stage of the project will provide an additional lane in each direction of the M1 between Picton Road and Bellambi Creek.

**The project**

Roads and Maritime has investigated various options for stage one of the M1 Princes Motorway improvements. Based on a range of technical, environmental and social considerations we have developed a preferred option for the project.

The proposed option would involve the upgrade and widening of the Motorway to provide a six lane divided road between the Picton Road interchange and Bellambi Creek.
Preferred option

Features of the project

- Six lane divided road (three lanes in each direction)
- Widening and realignment of the existing Motorway
- Building of wider shoulders
- Relocation of infrastructure and utilities
- Landscaping and urban design.

Benefits

- Increase safety by improving separation of moving vehicles
- Increasing curves to improve safety
- Improve travel times through additional lanes
- Increase reliability of freight access in and out of the Illawarra.
Review of environmental factors

The review of environmental factors contains specialist studies and investigations regarding biodiversity, visual impact and both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage items.

Copies of the review of environmental factors are available to view or download from the project website rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/m1-princes-motorway-picton-rd-bulli-tops.

Hard copies are also available at the display locations listed below.

We are seeking community feedback on the preferred option and review of environmental factors. Feedback is invited until Friday 3 February 2017 and will be used to refine the design.

Drop in sessions

We are holding three information sessions to give the community an opportunity to speak to the project team.

Wollongong Traders Market
Friday 13 January (9am – 2pm)

Wollongong Central
Saturday 14 January (1pm – 5pm)

Wollongong Central
Thursday 19 January (4pm – 8:30pm)

Unstaffed displays are provided at
Wollongong City Council
University of Wollongong

What happens next?

A report summarising the feedback received during consultation and responses to feedback will be available in mid-2017.

The next step for the project will be detailed design.

We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.

Have your say

To find out more or provide feedback visit rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/illawarra/m1-princes-motorway-picton-rd-bulli-tops

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