What happens next?

The RTA is continuing to work on developing feasible route options based on the project objectives and the constraints and issues already identified. Assessment of the options is carried out by specialists from the following fields:

- **Environmental** – Flora, fauna, threatened and/or protected species, endangered ecological communities, air and water quality and noise.
- **Heritage** – European and indigenous.
- **Engineering** – Horizontal and vertical alignment, ground conditions, rock strengths, potential bridge sites.
- **Social and community** – Access, community division, property acquisition, noise, environment, places of community value.
- **Economic** – Agriculture, local and regional business, transport and tourism.
- **Land use** – Current use and future development.
- **Traffic** – Access, road safety, efficiency.
- **Hydrology and hydraulics** – Flooding.
- **Urban design** – Fitting the road into the natural and urban environment.
- **Finance** – Value for money and affordability.

Later this year, the short-listed feasible route options will be put on public display. A community update will be distributed at that time showing the route options, with details of all display locations, staffed information days, workshops and how you can comment.

There will be plenty of time for those potentially affected, and the wider community, to view and comment on the options, and discuss them with members of the project team.

We encourage all property owners living within the study area to register their contact details with the project team.

Please call the project information line on 1800 506 976.

Obtaining local knowledge is a very important part of this process. We encourage all residents, property owners and business owners to share information with us.

For more information contact Maunsell's Community Liaison Manager Kerry Morrison.

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PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATIONS - INCLUDING BUILDING ON PREVIOUS PLANNING STUDIES
  - 1991 GERRINGONG TO BERRY ROUTE EVALUATION STUDY
  - 1997 NORTH STREET BERRY BYPASS CORRIDOR
  - 2005 KIAMA TO NOWRA QUANTM STUDY

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The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is committed to upgrading the 32km section of the Princes Highway to four lanes between Gerringong and Bomaderry.

In December 2006 Maunsell Australia was awarded a contract to undertake a route investigation study. The study has provided a comprehensive picture of the constraints and issues that are being considered to identify feasible route options for this project. A series of maps outlining the findings of this work are now on display in the new project shop front in Berry.

What are the project objectives?

A number of objectives have been set for this project.

1. Improve road safety (on the Princes Highway and adjacent road network).
2. Improve the efficiency of the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry.
3. Support regional and local economic development.
4. Provide value for money.
5. Enhance potential beneficial environmental effects and manage potential adverse environmental impacts.
6. Optimise the benefits and minimise adverse impacts on the local social environment.

Constraints and issues maps

The following maps demonstrating the constraints and issues that are being considered as part of identifying feasible route options for this project are available on the project website and are on display at the Berry project office:

- Flora and fauna.
- Land use.
- Major public utilities.
- Cultural heritage.
- Hydrology and hydraulics.
- Planning and zoning.
- Ground conditions.
- Traffic.
- Community issues.

Keeping the community informed

The RTA is committed to ensuring all stakeholders are consulted, informed and involved in an open and transparent process across all phases of this project.

A project office has been established in Berry to provide a central location for the community to meet with the project team, discuss concerns/issues and obtain further information.

Initially the office will be staffed and open to the public every Thursday and Friday from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

The project office is located at:
Shop 3/113 Queen Street Mall, Berry.

Project information can also be found on the RTA’s website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

If you would like further information, you are invited to attend an information session where project specialists will be available to talk about their findings during the field investigations and initial work.

Two sessions will be held at the Berry Showground Agriculture Pavilion, corner of Albany Street and Victoria Street Berry on:

Saturday 11 August 2007

Each session will consist of a presentation on each of the topics listed below with time for questions and answers.

- Introduction.  
- Flora and fauna.  
- Hydrology and hydraulics.  
- Cultural heritage.  
- Traffic.

Session 1:
11am to 1.15pm

Session 2:
1.45pm to 4pm.