In December 2006, the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) awarded a contract to Maunsell Australia Pty Ltd to investigate an upgrade of the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry. With the completion of the Oak Flats project the Princes Highway will be dual carriageway from Sydney to Kiama. These planning studies are funded by the NSW Government.

Investigations for the upgrade involve a range of studies to identify route options and then a preferred route. Further studies are then required to assess the preferred route.

Community involvement will be sought throughout the project to ensure the best overall outcome for the local and wider communities.

Community information sessions

You are invited to attend an information session on:

- **Tuesday 20 February 2007**, 6pm – 8.30pm
  School of Arts Hall, Alexandra Street, Berry.

- **Wednesday 21 February 2007**, 6pm – 8.30pm
  Gerringong Town Hall, Gerringong.

- **Thursday 22 February 2007**, 6pm – 8.30pm
  Community Hall, 19 Birriley Street, Bomaderry.

These sessions are for the RTA and Maunsell project teams to introduce themselves to the community and to meet as many people as possible. The presentations will include an outline of the project studies, the process to examine the options and ways to involve the community. At this meeting the community will be asked to discuss concerns and ideas about the proposed upgrade.

Light refreshments will be provided after the information sessions. There will be an opportunity during this time to discuss the project further with members of the project team.

**Planning investigations underway**

Maunsell and RTA representatives are in the process of contacting residents regarding the start of initial field work. This work will take place throughout the study area and does not indicate the location of route options. Please see the study area overleaf.

Work that will start shortly includes survey and geotechnical (soil) testing. This work will enable the project team to understand ground conditions, and the constraints and opportunities to locate an upgrade of the highway.

Other specialist surveys that will commence in the near future will include:

- Flora and fauna
- Heritage
- Traffic
- Water quality
- Flooding

Field investigations will be required from time to time throughout the planning process. The RTA project team appreciates the cooperation of residents and businesses during these activities. Wherever possible the team will minimise disruptions to residents and road users.