The process and steps in planning and selecting a preferred route for the Princes Highway upgrade

**STEPS**

**PROCESS**

**INPUT**

- The route considered and Select an option.

**OUTPUT**

- Vota (an option closed during the process).

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  - **What happens next?**
  - The RTA is finalising documentation to engage a consultant to undertake the process of selecting a preferred route as outlined in this community update. The RTA will then organise forums at Gerringong, Berry and Bomaderry to introduce the consultant to the community who will provide an overview of their program.

### Obtaining local knowledge

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Workshop feedback

Community workshops and information days were held in May 2006 at Gerringong, Berry and Bomaderry to discuss the study process for upgrading the Princes Highway between Gerringong and Bomaderry.

Each workshop was well attended by the community with approximately 350 participants at the combined three workshops and many more at the information stands.

All three workshops discussed the process to plan the highway upgrade, the opportunity for community discussion and input, and sought community opinion on how this would be achieved.

A ‘have your say’ survey sought community feedback on how they might prefer to be consulted during this process.

Out of the 147 survey responses received to date, the following preferences were indicated:

How do you like to receive information?

By email and by mailing list.

What methods do you like most when you are being asked for ideas and input?

Whole of community surveys and whole of community workshops.

Other communication tools preferred by the community?

Issue mapping – so community members can see one another’s ideas and issues.

Workshops in which everyone can be actively involved.

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A selection of quotes from the community on the issue of what is most significant to them:

- “The highway should not go through Berry CBD. It is dangerous for pedestrians and frustrating for drivers, especially those using the huge trucks using the route.”
- “The sandtrack option must be included and fully explained.”
- “Community doesn’t have the expertise in road building. Let the experts design the route and road structure.”
- “To be constructed urgently – many property owners will have these doubts hanging over their heads for probably the next 20 years.”

The updated meeting notes for the combined three workshops are available on the RTA website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

The following questions were consistently raised at all three workshops:

What is this shaded area?

The RTA website and the April 06 community update provided a locality map with a shaded area of land. It had ‘fuzzy’ or ‘blurred’ boundaries (not a defined line) showing the area within which we anticipate a route should be found.

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It is narrower in width than a corridor.