The project team will consider community submissions to refine the concept design. A review of environmental factors will then be undertaken to assess ecological and social impacts. The refined design will be displayed for community comment prior to the project being considered for approval.
Completing the upgrade of the Pacific Highway

Identification of a concept design to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Failford Road and Tritton Road is a key step in moving to complete the upgrade of the highway.

With the $3.2 billion Pacific Highway Upgrade Program in place since 1996, almost 230 kilometres of the highway are now double-lane divided road. As of January 2006, a further 235 kilometres of new highway are under construction, have been approved for construction or have had a preferred upgrade route identified.

The Failford Road to Tritton Road and Harroa Creek to Stills Road upgrades are both proceeding to concept design in February 2006. An additional group of seven projects also proceeded to the route options or preferred route phase in late 2005. As of the start of 2006, these leave only 194 kilometres with a preferred route still to be identified. This will provide planning certainty for local communities and pave the way for a construction program to complete the upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

The Pacific Highway is an AusLink National Network road. Its upgrading is funded by State and Federal governments.

For the 10 years to June 2006, the NSW Government will have contributed $1.66 billion and the Federal Government will have contributed $660 million. For the next three years, the Federal Government will match the State Government contribution of $160 million/year.

This community update

This community update describes the concept design for the Failford Road to Tritton Road upgrade and the key reasons why the concept design was chosen. The concept design is on display until Friday 17 March 2006.

There are two stages of work proposed, as shown on the figures inside.

**Stage 1:**
- New northbound entry ramp to provide access to the Pacific Highway.
- Existing northbound entry ramp to provide access to the Pacific Highway.

**Stage 2:**
- Two-way overbridge and new alignment of Bullocky Way. This would provide separation across the Pacific Highway.
- Existing southbound carriageway would become new northbound carriageway.
- Existing northbound carriageway would become new southbound carriageway.

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