

## How was the project developed?

The commencement of planning to upgrade the Pacific Highway from Failford Road to Tritton Road about 25km south of Taree was announced by the Premier of NSW in October 2004. A government planning focus meeting and a community information session were held in February 2005.

A community liaison group (CLG) was formed in March 2005. The CLG met with the project team in April to discuss options for the new northbound carriageway, in June for a design workshop and again in September for a project update.

### The concept design

The preferred project is 3.3km long. A new carriageway would be constructed adjacent to the existing southbound carriageway on the eastern side (the existing southbound lanes would become the new northbound lanes).

This would raise the standard of this section to be consistent with adjoining sections of the highway.

Much of the existing northbound carriageway would become a two-way service road, linking Possum Brush Road, Bullocky Way, St Peters Close and local properties to the Failford Road interchange.

### Staging

**Stage 1:** The new southbound carriageway, the two-way service road, and a grade-separated interchange at Failford Road would be constructed.

**Stage 2:** The Bullocky Way overbridge would be built.

### Interchanges

**Stage 1:** A grade-separated interchange is proposed at the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Failford Road. The

interchange would provide a two-lane bridge over the highway which, together with the service road, would allow for all turning movements from Failford Road, Bullocky Way, Tritton Road, Possum Brush Road and St Peters Close to and from the highway.

In order to avoid impact on Failford Cemetery, the northbound Pacific Highway onload ramp would be located near Possum Brush Road.

### Access

**Stage 1:** The existing northbound carriageway would become a two-way service road, providing access to adjoining properties and Possum Brush Road. The existing Possum Brush Road highway intersection and cross median access would close.

Access to the highway would be provided at the Failford Road grade-separated interchange and the northbound onload ramp near Possum Brush Road. This would allow local traffic to cross over the highway. Left-in left-out access would be provided at Bullocky Way.

**Stage 2:** The Bullocky Way overbridge would link Failford and Bullocky Way to the service road, providing a connection across the highway between Possum Brush and Failford.

### Future upgrade

The concept design allows for an additional lane to be constructed in each direction, if required in the future.

### Property

This project would result in property acquisition for construction of the new southbound carriageway, Failford Road interchange and the Bullocky Way overbridge.

## Stay involved

The RTA will continue to consult with landowners and the community about the concept design. There are many aspects of the design that will need local community input, including access arrangements, reducing impact on the immediate environment, drainage infrastructure, noise management and others.

Your submission on the concept design should be sent to the address shown in the contact information box. All community issues for the concept design will be considered during the assessment studies.

## Display locations

This concept design is on display until **Friday 17 March 2006** at the locations shown below. These displays include maps that show more detail about the issues in this area, and how they relate to the concept design.

- Nabiac Old Bank Centre, Nabiac Street, Nabiac (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- Greater Taree Council, Pulteney Street, Taree (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- Great Lakes Council, Breese Parade, Forster (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- Forster RTA Motor Registry, Forster Village Shopping Centre, Breese Parade, Forster (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- Taree RTA Motor Registry, 7 Macquarie Street, Taree (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm).
- RTA Hunter Regional Office, 59 Darby Street, Newcastle (Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm).
- RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street, Grafton (Mon - Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm).

## Staffed displays

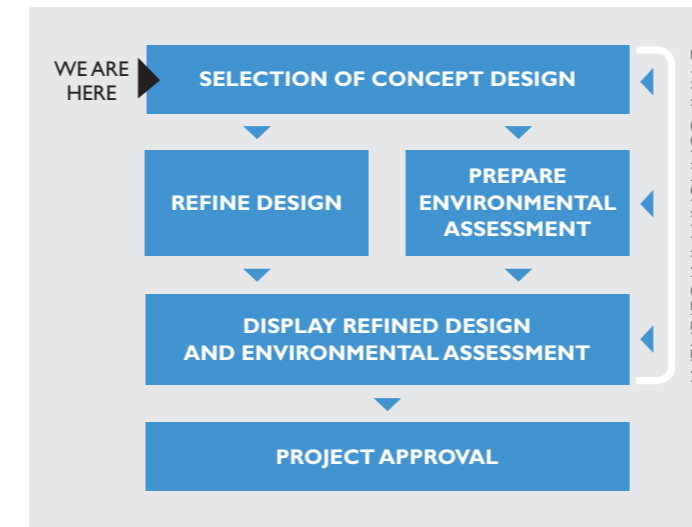
Project staff will be available to discuss the concept design in more detail at:

- Nabiac Old Bank Centre, Nabiac Street, Nabiac Tuesday 21 February 2006, 1pm - 4:30pm.
- Forster RTA Motor Registry, Forster Village Shopping Centre, Breese Parade, Forster Wednesday 22 February 2006, 9am - 12 noon.
- Taree RTA Motor Registry, 7 Macquarie Street, Taree Wednesday 22 February 2006, 1pm - 4:30pm.

All information in correspondence is collected for the sole purpose of assisting in the assessment of this proposal. Submissions will not be responded to individually. All information received, including names and addresses of respondents, may be published in subsequent assessment documents unless clear indication is given in the correspondence that all or part of that information is not to be published.

## What happens next?

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 the project being considered for approval.



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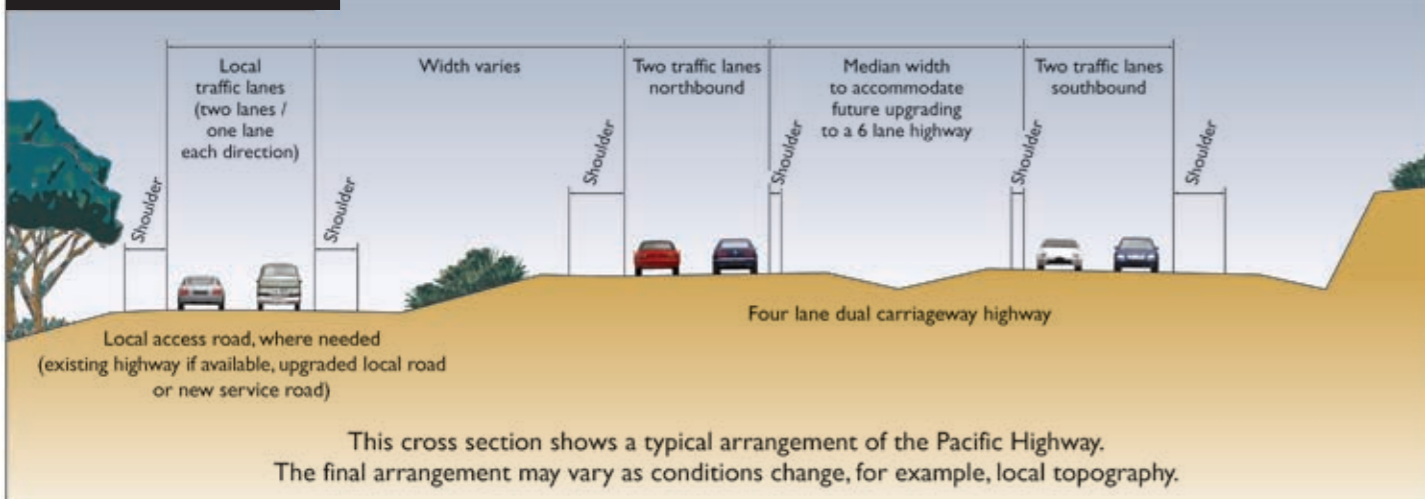
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## Detailed report available

The **Failford Road to Tritton Road Concept Design Report** explains how the concept design was developed, the major planning constraints and the potential impacts of the project. The report is available on the project website or by telephoning the project information line (see details on back). This report can be viewed at the staffed displays.

### TYPICAL CROSS SECTION





## 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 moves to complete the upgrade of the highway.

With the \$2.2 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 Herons 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, this leaves 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.

