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 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, these 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.