

Coffs Harbour Bypass Project

Project introduction and current status



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Key benefits

- Improving **safety**
- Better and more **reliable trips** for people, business and freight
- Up to **12 traffic lights** bypassed
- Save up to **11 minutes travel time**
- Improved **amenity** to Central Business District



Better and more
reliable trips
for people, business and freight



Improving
safety



Improving
traffic flow



Easing
congestion



More time with
family and friends



Save travel time

Coffs Harbour Bypass Project - History

- Project commenced in 2001 with the current alignment determined in 2004
- Preferred Concept Design released in September 2018
- Generated over 800 submissions
- Coffs Harbour bypass is supported however there were comments on the design
- Main topics raised in written feedback included:
 - tunnels
 - noise impacts
 - bypass design
 - bypass location/route alignment
 - visual amenity impacts

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Current status

- RMS is investigating design changes based on community feedback. These changes include:
 - Lowering the level of the road (vertical grade line) and investigate longer tunnels
 - Reducing height of the bridge over the North Coast Railway line
 - Reviewing design of interchanges
 - Noise mitigation measures including low noise pavement
- Finalising EIS to enable more informed discussion on scope, impacts and mitigation measures.

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Design process

- Lowering the alignment means that we need to investigate changed impacts on:
 - Aboriginal and cultural heritage
 - Flooding and drainage
 - Local roads
 - Property accesses
 - Bridge abutments and heights
 - Potential tunnel designs and ongoing operational requirements

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EIS/project approval process

- New design and associated budget changes will need to be reviewed by DPE and the NSW and Australian Governments
- Target date for the display of the EIS is July 2019, subject to approval by Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and NSW Government
- Community will have a chance to review EIS documents and make comments on any aspect of the project.
- Community submissions report on the EIS to be prepared and submitted to DPE
- DPE reviews the Submissions Report and Minister considers the project for approval.
- The project target construction start date 2020, subject to all environmental and planning approvals.

