You are invited to make a submission on the Coffs Harbour bypass Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is currently on exhibition. The Coffs Harbour bypass seeks to improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has placed the EIS on public exhibition from Wednesday, 11 September until midnight on Sunday, 27 October. Once the public exhibition period has closed, DPIE will provide Roads and Maritime Services with a copy of all submissions received.

Roads and Maritime will then prepare a submissions report to respond to the issues raised during the public exhibition. This report will include any proposed changes to the project in response to the submissions received.

The submissions report will be made publicly available for stakeholders and the community to view.

The report will be submitted to DPIE and helps to inform the Minister for Planning’s decision on the project.

If the project is approved by the Minister for Planning, it will be constructed and operated in accordance with the mitigation measures described in the EIS and the Minister’s Conditions of Approval.

The plans proposed in the EIS may evolve, depending on several factors including community feedback and the construction methodologies developed by the contractors once appointed.
How to make a submission

You can make a submission on the EIS to DPIE either online or by posting a letter.

To make a submission online, create a user account on DPIE’s Major Projects website at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects. To create a user account, click the “Sign In” icon in the top right of the homepage or under the “Services” tab and then click the “Have Your Say” link.

When you are logged in, find the project you want to have your say on, and click the ‘Make a Submission’ icon. Anyone can make a submission about the project within the exhibition period, which runs from Wednesday, 11 September until midnight on Sunday, 27 October.

Before making your submission, please read DPIE’s Privacy Statement at www.planning.nsw.gov.au/privacy or telephone 1300 305 695 for a copy. DPIE will publish your submission on its website in accordance with its Privacy Statement.

If you cannot lodge your submission online, you can write to:

Attention: Director – Transport Assessments
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

If you want DPIE to delete your personal information before publication, please make this clear at the top of your letter. If you post or hand deliver your submission, it needs to be received by DPIE before the close of the exhibition period and include the following:

- Your name and address (at the top of the letter only)
- The name of the application and the application number (Coffs Harbour bypass; SSI_7666)
- A statement on whether you support or object to the proposal
- The reasons why you support or object to the proposal
- A declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous two years.

To find out what is reportable, and for a disclosure form, go to www.planning.nsw.gov.au/DonationsandGiftDisclosure or telephone 1300 305 695 for a copy. Note the disclosure requirements apply however a submission is made.

For more information on making a submission about this project, please call DPIE on 1300 305 695.