



Coffs Harbour bypass project

Release of Submissions Report and Amendment Report

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Available for public viewing

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding the Coffs Harbour bypass project. The Environmental Impact Statement Submissions Report and a project Amendment Report are now available for the public to view.

In September 2019, the Coffs Harbour Bypass Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was displayed, providing an opportunity for the Coffs Harbour community to comment on design refinements including tunnels, potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the proposed bypass. A Submissions Report has been prepared addressing feedback the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) received during the exhibition.

Following the EIS display, the community was again invited to provide feedback on a number of design improvements, including changes to the

Englands Road and Korora Hill interchanges and Korora bus interchange.

We have also prepared an Amendment Report outlining and assessing the design changes arising from all of the feedback we have received, including the EIS and concept design displays and key stakeholder meetings.

Both the EIS Submissions Report and Amendment Report have now been published and are available for the community to view on the project website:

www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au/coffsharbourbypass

The reports can also be viewed at the following locations:

- Project community display office located at 11a Park Avenue, Coffs Harbour
- Coffs Harbour City Library, cnr Coff and Duke streets
- Coffs Harbour Council Chambers.



Artists impression of Shephards Lane tunnel.



Amendment Report

We received 36 submissions during the display of post-EIS design improvements between November and December 2019. Overall, there was general support for the changes. Other issues raised included:

- Preference for Coramba Road interchange to be a 'donut' design
- Traffic arrangements around Kororo Public School and bus interchange
- Community and industry support for all dangerous goods to use tunnels
- Noise, visual, air quality, and biodiversity concerns from residents at Ferntree place associated with Korora Bus interchange.

Submissions Report

DPIE received 186 submissions, from government agencies, businesses, organisations and individual community members, during the display of the EIS between September and October 2019. We have prepared a Submissions Report responding to the feedback.

Some of the key issues addressed in the Submissions Report include:

- Construction delivery
- Transport of dangerous goods
- Noise and vibration
- General support for the refined design (tunnels)
- Coramba road interchange design
- Property values.

The responses, where possible, have been based on the EIS assessments. Where this has not been possible, we have carried out additional environmental and design investigations and subsequently, some of the EIS environmental management measures have been revised or new, improved measures prepared. Some of the new environmental measures include:

- Further design and road safety investigations
- Further consultation regarding the pedestrian and cycle network
- Managing vibration impacts
- Reducing visual impacts during construction
- Temporary signage for any revised access changes to tourism businesses
- Managing water quality during construction.

What happens next?

DPIE will review the reports to reach a decision on the project approval. The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces will then determine if the project is approved and identify any conditions of approval that will apply. Following the NSW decision, the Australian Minister for the Environment would then need to issue a separate approval for the project.

Geotechnical investigations and survey work are continuing with early works expected to start at the end of 2020.

Contact us

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