

Welcome to the first Coffs Harbour bypass project e-newsletter

The Coffs Coast community has been waiting for the Coffs Harbour bypass, which is a priority for the Australian and NSW governments. We've been busy doing the vital work needed before construction starts. This includes finalising the concept design, working with agencies to progress the planning approvals, completing geotechnical investigations, progressing further with property acquisition and locating underground utilities for relocation, as well as meeting with and listening to stakeholders.



Artist impression of Shephards Lane tunnel.

In response to community feedback, we announced key refinements in 2019 to include lowering the height of the bypass and incorporating three tunnels at Roberts Hill, Shephards Lane and Gatelys Road. Further improvements were made to the Englands Road interchange, the school bus stop on Coramba road, the Korora Hill interchange and the school bus interchange at Korora. The bypass will remove thousands of vehicles from the Coffs Harbour CBD, making Coffs Harbour an even better place to live, work and visit. The bypass will also boost the local economy, create jobs, increase local skills and improve regional connectivity. It will improve road safety for local, regional and interstate road users, reduce travel times by 11 minutes and bypass 12 sets of traffic lights.

The route has not changed since 2004 and is from Englands Road in the south and connects with the newly-upgraded Sapphire to Woolgoolga section in the north. It passes through the North Boambee Valley, Roberts Hill ridgeline and across the foothills of the Coffs Harbour basin west to Korora Hill. You can view it on interactive web portal available on the website.