



Frequently Asked Questions

Display of concept design and Review of Environmental Factors

About the project

What is happening?

Roads and Maritime Services is displaying the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors for the future upgrade and extension of Archbold Road, between the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury and Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.

Roads and Maritime has started planning for the Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension which involves upgrading the existing 1.2 kilometre section of Archbold Road, Minchinbury and extending the road by about 3.8 kilometres to the south to meet with Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback from the community for consideration in finalising the concept design. The 'have your say' period is open until Friday, 16 June 2017.

If there are any further changes to the design, the community will be informed by Roads and Maritime when the Review of Environmental Factors is determined.

Why is Archbold Road being upgraded and extended?

The NSW Government is planning for an upgrade and extension to Archbold Road from the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury to Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek to support the development of the Western Sydney Employment Area.

The existing Archbold Road is a local road which runs in a north-south direction from the Great Western Highway to south of the M4 Western Motorway. The upgrade and extension of Archbold Road would provide a key route between the Great Western Highway and Old Wallgrove Road, providing access to the Western Sydney Employment Area and the neighbouring residential suburbs of Mount Druitt, Minchinbury and Colyton.

The upgrade and extension would also allow for the commercial and industrial development of two major precincts within the Western Sydney Employment Area, namely the Ropes Creek and Eastern Creek precincts.

When will Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension be constructed?

The timing of construction is subject to funding and has not yet been confirmed.

What is the Western Sydney Employment Area?

The NSW Government established the Western Sydney Employment Area to provide 2,400 hectares of land to businesses in the region for industry and employment, including transport and logistics, warehousing and office space.

Located about 50 kilometres from the Sydney central business district, the Western Sydney Employment Area will give businesses access to roads and utility services and will be close to the Western Sydney Airport at Badgerys Creek. Since rezoning in 2009, it is now about 50 per cent developed and continues to develop with significant government investment.

The Western Sydney Employment Area will also provide people living in western Sydney the chance to work locally so they can spend less time commuting and more time with their families.

For more information, visit the NSW Department of Planning and Environment website, www.planning.nsw.gov.au.

Design

What are the key features of the proposal?

Roads and Maritime is planning for a new 3.8 kilometre dual carriageway extension to Archbold Road. The proposal includes upgrading the existing 1.2 kilometre section of Archbold Road including a road bridge and separate pedestrian and cyclists bridge over the M4 Western Motorway. A second road bridge would be built over the two main water supply pipelines (the Warragamba Pipelines) close to Old Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek.

East facing ramps would be built to provide a new access point to the M4 Western Motorway. The proposal would also deliver improved access to the Western Sydney Employment Area, which is expected to provide more than 57,000 jobs by 2045.

Why are there only east-facing ramps included in the proposed upgrade?

Traffic investigations have supported the need for east-facing ramps which has been included in the design however Roads and Maritime's current design allows for west facing ramps in the future, should they be required.

For more detail on the design, please refer to section 3.2 of the Review of Environmental Factors.

What changes were made to the design since it was last displayed?

Roads and Maritime displayed the proposed access strategy in March 2016. As a result of community feedback and further investigations, the following improvements to the design have been included:

- intersection upgrade at Archbold Road and the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury
- new traffic lights at Robinson Street, Minchinbury
- dedicated left lane on to the M4 Motorway entry ramp.

What are the proposal objectives?

- Build an access road into the Western Sydney Employment Area that would connect Old Wallgrove Road and Lenore Drive, Eastern Creek to the M4 Western Motorway and the Great Western Highway, Minchinbury
- Build a road that can meet the future traffic and transport demands of the Western Sydney Employment Area
- Provide convenient and reliable access for freight to Sydney's motorway network from the Western Sydney Employment Area

- Provide the required access into the Western Sydney Employment Area to unlock land for release and development
- Provide travel choice by allowing people to walk and cycle as well as use public transport
- Support local and regional economic development

What are the benefits of the upgrade for cyclists and pedestrians?

The proposed concept design for the Archbold Road upgrade and extension includes a new shared path for pedestrians and cyclists along the western side of the road corridor.

What public transport provisions are planned for in the proposed upgrade?

The proposed concept design for the Archbold Road upgrade and extension includes bus priority measures at key intersections.

Property

Will there be any property acquisition and is my property affected?

As part of the proposed upgrade, Roads and Maritime would need to acquire a small number of properties to allow for the road widening. Roads and Maritime will discuss individual circumstances with potentially affected property owners.

For more information about proposed property acquisitions, please refer to the Review of Environmental Factors, section 3.6.

For more information about the NSW Government land acquisition process, visit the new dedicated land acquisition website – www.landacquisition.nsw.gov.au

Noise

Will I get noise walls and/or noise treatments?

Roads and Maritime engaged an acoustic specialist to investigate the impact of the upgrade on existing residences and businesses as part of the environmental assessment in accordance with Roads and Maritime Services' Road Noise Policy.

The study identified that noise mitigation measures such as noise walls and at-property treatments would be required for some receivers within the study area. The assessment has identified potential noise barrier locations within the study area. See Figure 6.4 in the Review of Environmental Factors for proposed noise wall locations.

Noise barriers and other noise mitigation measures would be subject to an assessment of whether they are a reasonable and practical measure during detailed design.

How will construction noise be managed?

Roads and Maritime would require construction contractors to use noise management measures as set out in the Roads and Maritime Environment Noise management standards and guidelines. Noisy construction would be managed to reduce impact on sensitive receivers. In addition, local residents would be given notice in advance of any planned noisy or night work.

Environment

Have any threatened species been found in the project area?

As part of the Review of Environmental Factors, a flora and fauna assessment was conducted by qualified ecologists to assess the potential biodiversity impact of the proposal. This assessment determined that the proposal is unlikely to affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities and their habitats.

For more information about biodiversity, please refer to the Review of Environmental Factors, section 6.3.

Have your say

How do I make a comment on the concept design and Review of Environmental Factors?

Roads and Maritime values the involvement of the community and welcomes your feedback until Friday, 16 June 2016. Feedback can be provided by email, letter or attendance at a community information session.

For more information about the proposal, or to provide feedback, please contact the project team:

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How will my feedback be used?

Roads and Maritime will carefully consider all community feedback on the preferred corridor and use it to guide future decision making. We will publish a submissions report to respond to all feedback.

Email subscriber list: If you would like to receive up to date information about the Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension, please send an email to archboldroadupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Community Information Sessions

Roads and Maritime will host two community information sessions with information on the concept design and the Review of Environmental Factors for the Archbold Road Upgrade and Extension.

The project team will be available to answer questions and receive feedback on the proposal from the community.

A formal presentation will not be given, so please feel free to attend at any time during these information sessions.

Saturday, 3 June 2017, 10am to 1pm
Rooty Hill Senior Citizens Centre 34a Rooty Hill Road South, Rooty Hill
Wednesday, 7 June 2017, 5pm to 8pm
The Mount Druitt Hub Level 1, 9 Ayres Grove, Mount Druitt



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