

Batemans Bay Bridge replacement

Community update

September 2017



Bridge lift span opening for boat to pass underneath

In August 2017, Roads and Maritime Services announced a preferred option for a replacement bridge over the Clyde River.

The preferred option is a new bridge to the west of the existing bridge, that reconnects with the Princes Highway at an improved Kings Highway intersection. The bridge will have four lanes for traffic, a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists and have a greater uninterrupted clearance height for boats.

The new bridge will:



Improve connectivity
(providing uninterrupted access across the river)



Reduce traffic delays
(especially at the Kings and Princes Highway intersection)



Improve freight access
(by enabling larger trucks across the bridge)



Economic and social benefits
(by removing the lift span and load limit)

Community consultation

Roads and Maritime asked for community feedback on the preferred option between **Friday 4 August** and **Friday 1 September 2017**.

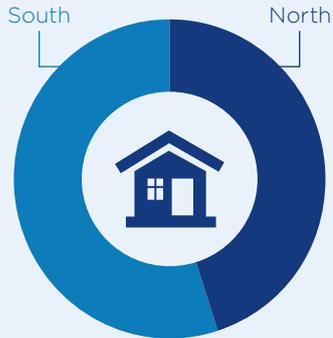
The consultation included:

- three drop in sessions attended by more than 240 community members
- a Preferred Option Survey on the Roads and Maritime website completed by 253 community members
- stakeholder meetings held with river users, local council, businesses and transport operators
- project information delivered to all residential properties in the north Eurobodalla area and displayed at advertised locations, in local newspapers, on @NSWRoads Facebook and on Roads and Maritime website.

Survey results

We received feedback from 253 community members via the Preferred Option Survey.

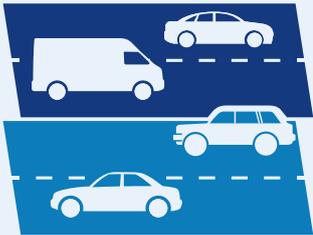
More than 8 in 10 participants agreed that design quality, an improved Princes and Kings Highway intersection and an improved foreshore space are important issues.



45% live north of the bridge



74% believe a new four lane bridge to the west will have a good impact on their daily commute



83% agree that traffic delays caused by the Princes and Kings Highway intersection must be addressed



90% agree that it is important for the town that the new bridge looks good and has a strong focus on design



86% agree it is important that the river foreshore is improved as part of this project



67% agree it is important that taller boats can travel upstream under the bridge at all times



63% agree the existing bridge should be tributed once it is removed

Topics raised by the community

The table below outlines the 10 most frequent topics raised by the community during the Preferred Option consultation period and our response. All comments received during this period will help to refine the project however only the top ten topics appear below. If you would like further information, please contact the project team.

Topic	Roads and Maritime response
Visual design	<p>The new bridge will have four lanes for traffic, a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists and be higher than the existing bridge to allow uninterrupted access upstream for taller boats.</p> <p>We are working to ensure that the new bridge is the best possible combination of functionality and appealing design, and considering all community feedback in designing the new bridge. The concept design for the new bridge will be displayed to the community later in 2017.</p>
Intersection of Princes and Kings Highway	<p>Replacing the existing bridge with a four lane bridge and removing the lift span would improve traffic flow and reduce delays at the Kings and Princes Highway intersection, especially in peak periods.</p> <p>We are carrying out further traffic investigations at this intersection which will assist in developing the design. More information about the intersection of the Kings and Princes Highway will be provided later in 2017.</p>
Bridge height	<p>We are working to determine the height for the new bridge.</p> <p>We have asked for feedback from the community and river users about how boats currently use the river and how they see it being used into the future. This information will assist our design work and we will have more information on the height later in 2017.</p>
Project timing	<p>Construction of the new bridge is expected to start in early 2019 and be complete in mid-2021. Demolition and removal of the existing bridge will be complete in 2022.</p>
Pedestrian, cyclist and disability access	<p>A shared pedestrian and cycle path will be included in the new bridge. There will be access to this path from both the northern and southern sides of the bridge. Exact locations of access ramps are still being determined. More details on the pedestrian and cyclist access will be available later in 2017.</p>
Clyde Street access	<p>Constructing the new bridge to the west of the current alignment provides better opportunities for parking to support CBD growth and foreshore access. Clyde Street will be connected beneath the new bridge allowing pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles uninterrupted travel along Clyde Street.</p> <p>Road users who wish to access the new bridge from Clyde Street would travel to North Street to turn onto the Princes Highway. The change in access is to support height requirements of the new bridge.</p>
Tribute to current bridge	<p>We recognise the significance of the existing bridge to the community and are committed to recognising the importance of the bridge. We will continue to work with the community on an appropriate tribute and more details will be available as the project progresses.</p>
Wharf Road access	<p>We are currently investigating access options for Wharf Road and the northern foreshore of Clyde River. More details will be available later in 2017.</p>
Impacts (including noise, construction and environmental)	<p>We are carrying out a full environmental assessment of the project that will outline environmental, noise and construction impacts and how they will be managed. The environmental assessment will be on display for community comment later in 2017. We will continue to keep the community updated as the project progresses.</p>
Improved river foreshore, boating and fishing facilities	<p>We are working with Council to improve the foreshore with more community space, boating and fishing facilities and improved pedestrian and cyclist connections. More details on the foreshore will be available later in 2017.</p>

Next Steps

Using community feedback received during the Preferred Option display period in August 2017, we are refining the design and preparing an environmental assessment. This will explain the potential environmental and social impacts of the project during construction and when the bridge is operational, and how these will be mitigated.

The environmental assessment for the Batemans Bay Bridge project will be on display for the community in late 2017.

We will keep the community updated as the project progresses.

What is the Environmental Assessment?

The environmental assessment includes studies and investigations about biodiversity, heritage, visual impact, noise and vibration and water quality and hydrology. The environmental assessment of the Batemans Bay Bridge project involves two different assessments as explained below:

Review of Environmental Factors

The review of environmental factors will assess the potential environmental impacts of the project and identify ways to manage and mitigate these impacts.

Environmental Impact Statement

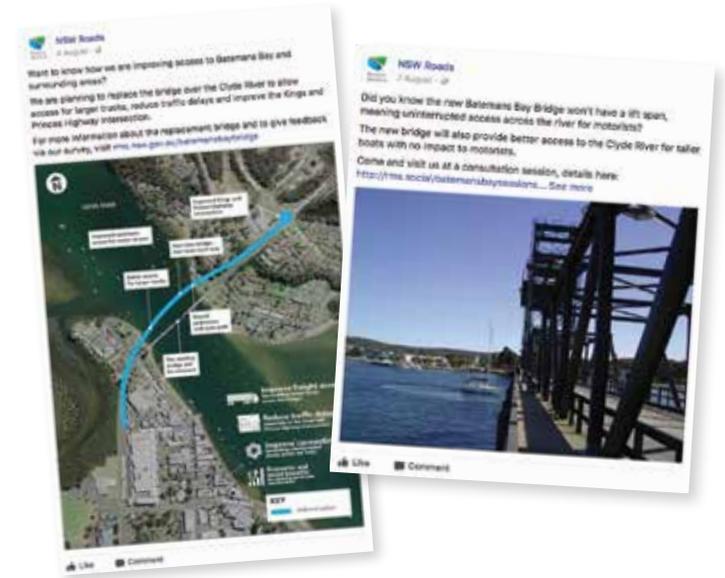
The environmental impact statement will assess the potential environmental impacts of the project specifically on the SEPP 14 wetlands located within the project site.

More information about the environmental assessment will be available in late 2017.

We're on Facebook

We are on Facebook @NSW Roads and @M1 / Princes Highway upgrade, with our page providing a mix of helpful traffic information, major project updates, safety tips and opportunities to have your say on what we are working on.

We posted about the Batemans Bay Bridge project and the community information sessions during August. Visit Facebook and like our pages to see what we are up to near you.



Recent posts about the Batemans Bay Bridge project from the August consultation period

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