

Batemans Bay Bridge

Preferred option for replacement

Frequently Asked Questions

About the Project

What is happening?

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to replace the Batemans Bay Bridge to improve access to Batemans Bay and the surrounding areas, allow access for larger trucks, reduce traffic delays and improve the Kings and Princes Highway intersection.

Following a value management workshop with key stakeholders and community members, and a range of technical studies, a preferred option was identified as a new bridge to the west of the existing bridge. East and central options were also considered.

Access to the replacement bridge would be along the existing Princes Highway alignment, to the north and south of the river.

We are currently seeking community feedback on the preferred option until **Friday 1 September 2017**.

Why is a new bridge being built in Batemans Bay?

Issues with the existing bridge include an annual maintenance cost of \$1 million, no access for larger trucks and a lift span that causes traffic delays and prevents reliable access across the Clyde River.

The new bridge will be designed to provide improved functionality including:

- four lanes, two each way, to reduce traffic delays crossing the bridge
- improve traffic flow at nearby intersections including the Kings Highway
- greater access to, and improved use of the Clyde River for commercial and recreational vessels of a greater height with no impact to motorists
- improved safety with a shared pedestrian and cycle path
- improved access for freight vehicles up to 26 metres in length and no height restrictions

Why does the existing bridge need to be removed?

The existing bridge will be demolished and removed to enable river traffic of a greater height unobstructed access to the Clyde River and Batemans Bay.

Leaving the bridge in place as a pedestrian bridge or other tourist feature would require the bridge to remain closed and in need of ongoing costly maintenance of up to \$1 million per year. This would prevent higher water vessels from gaining access under the bridge which is a key benefit of the proposed new bridge.

Removal of the existing bridge will also offer improved public access to the foreshore on the north and south riverbanks providing opportunities for new community spaces.

Roads and Maritime is seeking input from the community on what you would like to see in place along the foreshore. You can provide your feedback by visiting www.rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge

What will the bridge look like?

The Bridge will have four traffic lanes, and a shared path for pedestrians and cyclists and have a greater clearance height for river users.

Roads and Maritime Services are currently working on the concept design for a new Batemans Bay Bridge and this will be displayed to the community later in 2017.

Roads and Maritime is seeking input from the community on how the new bridge should look. You can provide your feedback by visiting www.rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge

What are the benefits of an increased bridge height?

Benefits of an increased bridge height include:

- unobstructed use of the Clyde River and Batemans Bay by commercial and recreational vessels of a greater height
- uninterrupted use of the Princes Highway. The lift span function will no longer stop traffic flow across the bridge
- minimise the impact on surrounding areas with infrastructure requirements including batters and retaining walls.
- user-friendly inclines for pedestrians and cyclists

How was the preferred route decided?

In June 2017, Roads and Maritime Services brought together project team members, technical specialists, key stakeholders and community members to participate in a Value Management Workshop to assess a shortlist of three options for a new Batemans Bay Bridge. Participants of the workshop agreed to project objectives, identified broad community issues, assessed technical information and a range of design options before recommendations for a new bridge were made.

The recommendation from the workshop was to proceed with a proposed route to the west of the current bridge, as this option met the long term essential requirements for a new river crossing. For more information on the options that were assessed, a copy of the Preferred Option Report is available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge

When will the bridge be constructed?

Construction is expected to start in early 2019 and completed in mid-2021. The demolition of the existing would then be completed once the new bridge is operational.

Will there be any property acquisition and will I be affected?

A small number of properties and businesses will be impacted by this option.

Roads and Maritime is in contact with all impacted property owners and will be working closely with them throughout the project.

Will there be greater noise impacts due to an increase in traffic?

Noise impacts will be assessed as part of the environmental assessment. This will be on display for community feedback in late 2017.

How will the new bridge impact the local environment?

Roads and Maritime is carrying out a full environmental assessment of the project that will outline any environmental impact and how it will be mitigated. 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.

Will road access across the river be impacted during construction?

Access to the existing bridge and the Princes Highway will continue throughout construction.

Have your say

How will my feedback be used?

All feedback from this display period will help to develop the environmental assessment and further refine the design of the new bridge.

Community Information sessions

We invite you to meet the project team and understand more about the preferred option. The project team will be at the following locations. A formal presentation will not be given so please drop in at any time:

- **Batemans Bay Community Centre**
Thursday 10 August, 4pm to 7pm
Saturday 19 August, 10am to 1pm
2 Museum Place
Batemans Bay
- **Village Centre**
Thursday 17 August, 3pm to 6pm
1 Perry Street
Batemans Bay

Where can I find more information?

More information on the preferred option will be available at unstaffed display locations between Friday 4 August and Friday 1 September 2017 at the following locations:

- Batemans Bay Library, Batemans Bay
- Eurobodalla Council Building, Moruya
- Services NSW, Batemans Bay
- Moruya Library, Moruya

Alternatively, please contact the project team by:

Phone: 1800 870 119

Email: batemansbaybridge@rms.nsw.gov.au

More information is also available at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge