

April 2017

## **Have your say – Intersection upgrade at Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street, Kincumber**

**The NSW Government has provided \$1.5 million funding in 2016/17 to continue planning for a proposal to improve traffic flow at this intersection.**

Roads and Maritime Services is planning to upgrade the intersection of the Empire Bay Drive, The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street at Kincumber.

The upgrade would reduce congestion and improve traffic flow and travel times for the 25,000 motorists travelling along Empire Bay Drive between Kerta Road and Avoca Drive each day.

Roads and Maritime sought comments from the community and stakeholders on a proposal in May 2016. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal and provide feedback.

Further investigations and design work have been carried out and some changes have been made to the design to address the feedback we received.

We are now seeking your comments on the strategic design to replace the existing roundabout with traffic lights. We have included a map to show the strategic design.

### **Changes to the May 2016 design**

The design changes include:

- widening The Scenic Road to provide two right turn lanes onto Empire Bay Drive, compared to the one right turn lane shown in the May 2016 design. This will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on The Scenic Road
  - Shipwrights Lane to be left in and left out only
  - removal of the existing pedestrian refuge on Empire Bay Drive, 150 metres north of the intersection, to allow for the new lane configuration
  - a new northbound bus bay and bus stop to the north of the intersection
  - provision of a shared pathway along The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street
  - removal of existing parking in the road shoulder on Cochrone Street near the intersection
  - relocation of the bus stops on each side of Empire Bay Drive, south of the intersection, to allow for the new lane configuration, however the exact locations are still to be determined.
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Investigations are also underway to provide a connection to Wallan Road, from the Cullens Road roundabout, to address concerns about access to and from Sundowner Avenue due to the restricted right turn movements.

As previously displayed in May 2016, the upgraded intersection would also include:

- widening Empire Bay Drive to provide two through lanes in both directions
- a dedicated left turn lane from Empire Bay Drive onto The Scenic Road and Cochrone Street
- a dedicated right turn lane from Cochrone Street onto Empire Bay Drive
- traffic light controlled pedestrian crossings on all legs of the intersection. The adjoining footpaths near the intersection on The Scenic Road and Empire Bay Drive would be re-built as part of the project
- provision of on-road cycle facilities on Empire Bay Drive
- a shared pathway along Empire Bay Drive to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

## Drop-in information session

The community is invited to find out more about the project and to provide feedback to the project team at a drop-in information session to be held on **Thursday 4 May 2017** from **4pm to 7pm** at the Kincumber Public School school hall, Avoca Drive, Kincumber NSW 2251.

## How can you give feedback?

We encourage you to provide your feedback by **Friday 19 May 2017** to our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, at [natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au) or:

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We will carefully consider your feedback and continue to keep you updated as the project progresses.

## Next steps

Upcoming planning activities include:

- developing a concept design
- preparing the environmental assessment
- community and stakeholder consultation.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, Natalie Perfrement, on 02 4908 7738 or [natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:natalie.perfrement@rms.nsw.gov.au). For more information visit [rms.nsw.gov.au/empirebaydrive](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/empirebaydrive).



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