



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Display of Review of Environmental Factors

#### About the project

##### What is happening?

Roads and Maritime Services is displaying the design and Review of Environmental Factors report for the intersection upgrade of Great Western Highway and Ross Street, and modifications at the Great Western Highway / Hare Street, Glenbrook.

In December 2015, Blue Mountains City Council displayed three options for public comment for the proposed upgrade. After reviewing the community's preferred option and comments, Roads and Maritime has now prepared the design and Review of Environmental Factors, which involves the provision of traffic lights at the intersection of Great Western Highway / Ross Street. It also includes modifications at the Great Western Highway / Hare Street intersection, restricting access to general traffic, while maintaining access for emergency vehicles.

Roads and Maritime is seeking feedback from the community for consideration in finalising the design. The 'have your say' period is open until Sunday, 12 November 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 Great Western Highway at Glenbrook being upgraded?

In March 2015, the Australian and NSW governments announced the \$5 million Glenbrook intersection upgrade. The project is part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan, a 10 year, \$3.6 billion road investment program, delivering major road infrastructure upgrades to support integrated transport for the region.

The Glenbrook intersection upgrade would improve safety and access along the Great Western Highway, while enhancing the primary gateway to Glenbrook Village.

##### When will work on the Glenbrook intersection upgrade start?

It is anticipated that construction will start in early 2018.

## What are the proposal objectives?

The objectives of the proposal are to:

- improve efficiency, traffic flow and safety at both intersections.
- improve road safety and access along the Great Western Highway for motorists and pedestrians.
- provide for future traffic volume increases.
- enhance the primary gateway to and from Glenbrook Village Centre and the Blue Mountains.

## Design

### What are the key features of the proposal?

The key features of the proposal are:

- new traffic lights at the Great Western Highway and Ross Street intersection with pedestrian crossings.
- right turns permitted from Ross Street onto the Great Western Highway.
- restrict access to the Great Western Highway from Hare Street (south) for general traffic, while maintaining access for emergency vehicles only, with a mountable kerb.
- extending the existing right turn lanes on the Great Western Highway allowing for more vehicles turning right into Ross Street and into Hare Street (north).
- new signage, line marking and footpath connections.

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

As part of the design process, the operation of the Great Western Highway / Hare Street intersection was considered further, and the need to minimise impacts on public utilities and trees on the northern side of the Great Western Highway.

It was determined that better traffic efficiency and road safety outcomes would be achieved with the closure of Hare Street (south) to general traffic, while maintaining access for emergency vehicles.

To minimise impacts on a water main and power infrastructure to the north and make better use of existing pavements to avoid impacts on trees, it is proposed that the road alignment should be shifted slightly south.

## Access

### Why is access at Hare Street (south) being restricted?

The proposal involves closing Hare Street (south) access to the Great Western Highway to general traffic, except emergency vehicles, to provide better traffic efficiency and road safety outcomes.

### How will I be impacted by these changes?

Traffic on the Great Western Highway and Hare Street (north) seeking to access Mann Street and Wascoe Street, would need to use the new traffic lights at Ross Street instead of the Hare Street intersection, which is about 150 metres to the east.

Traffic on the Great Western Highway, and from Hare Street (north) seeking to access Mann Street and Wascoe Street, will also need to use the new Ross Street traffic light intersection. This may increase travel time slightly for some road users but will improve safety.

## Public Transport

### How will the bus services be impacted?

The existing bus stops and bus routes would remain in operation for most of the construction phase before access is restricted on Hare Street (south).

Temporary relocation of the bus stop may be required when work takes place on the southern side of the Great Western Highway. Access for bus passengers on the northern side of the Great Western Highway, east of Hare Street, will be maintained.

Roads and Maritime will continue to consult with the bus operator and Transport for NSW before and during construction to minimise disturbance and impacts on bus operations.

The community will be informed of all impacts and changes before they happen.

## Noise

### 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 under these guidelines to reduce the impact on the community. In addition, local residents would be given notice in advance of any planned noisy or night work.

## Environment

### Will any trees be removed as part of the work?

No trees will be removed as a result of the proposed work.

As part of the Review of Environmental Factors, a qualified arborist was engaged to assess potential impacts and provide measures to protect and ensure viability of the trees within the project area. Minor trimming will be needed and Roads and Maritime will require construction contractors to use the management measures set out in the Review of Environmental Factors.

## Have your say

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

Roads and Maritime values the involvement of the community and welcomes your feedback until Sunday, 12 November 2017. Feedback can be provided by email or letter.

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 proposal and use it to guide future decision making. We will publish a Submissions Report to respond in detail to all feedback.

**Email subscriber list:** If you would like to receive up to date information about the Glenbrook intersection upgrade, please email [wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wsip@rms.nsw.gov.au).

### Community display information

We invite your feedback on the proposal by Sunday, 12 November 2017.

The Review of Environmental Factors can be downloaded at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/wsip) and is also available to view in hard copy at:

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33 Hope St, Blaxland

Monday to Friday 10am – 5:30pm

Saturday 9am – 4pm

#### **Glenbrook Visitor Information Centre**

Hamment Pl, Glenbrook

Monday to Saturday 8:30am-4pm

Sunday 8:30am-3pm



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