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## M1 Pacific Motorway upgrade between Kariong and Somersby – Submissions report available

The NSW and Australian Governments are funding an upgrade of the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges. The proposed upgrade involves widening the motorway to provide three lanes in each direction to improve traffic flow and safety.

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The upgrade of the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges will cater for the increase in traffic forecast as a result of predicted growth in the Central Coast, Hunter Region and North Coast along with greater freight demand. The upgrade will provide increased traffic capacity along the motorway and more reliable travel times now and into the future.

A review of environmental factors (REF) was carried out to assess the potential impacts of the proposal and identify mitigation activities. The concept design and REF was placed on display for community comment for four weeks in January and February 2015. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the document and provide feedback.

### Community feedback

A total of 16 submissions were received with the main issues relating to construction and operational noise, construction staging, design considerations, air quality, requests for further consultation and general enquiries.

A submissions report summarising the comments, responses and details of the decision is available to view on our website at [rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects) by following the links to Central Coast.

### Next steps

The project was approved in May 2015 and will now progress to detailed design. Construction is expected to be completed in 2019.

We will continue to update the community and stakeholders as the project progresses.

To request a copy of the submissions report please contact the project team on (02) 4379 7001 during business hours or via email to: [Central.Coast.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Central.Coast.Office@rms.nsw.gov.au).

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