

Submissions report available

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

The upgrade of the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Tuggerah and Doyalson 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 were placed on display for community comment from 6 August to 3 September 2014. Roads and Maritime would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the document and provide feedback.

Community feedback

A total of 25 submissions were received with the main issues relating to construction and operational noise and vibration, hydrology and potential drainage impacts, landscaping and visual impacts during construction and operation, design considerations, road conditions, traffic and transport considerations, requests for further consultation and general enquiries.

Roads and Maritime has published a Submissions Report summarising the comments, responses and details of the decision. A copy of this report can be viewed or downloaded from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects and follow the links to Central Coast.

Next steps

The project was approved in October 2014. The contract to complete the detailed design has been awarded and construction is expected to start in late 2016 for completion in 2019.

Roads and Maritime will continue to inform the community and stakeholders throughout the project.

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.