

# Parkes Bypass

## Submissions Report and 2019 Community Consultation Report release

### Frequently asked questions – February 2020

#### About the project

The Australian and NSW Governments are funding the \$168 million Parkes Bypass project. The bypass seeks to improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

The Newell Highway supports local traffic, tourists, farmers and heavy vehicles transporting freight between Queensland and Victoria. The highway through Parkes is constrained by level crossings, four 90-degree bends in the road, narrow road and intersection widths and the CBD has high pedestrian traffic.

The bypass will provide an alternative route west of the Newell Highway to allow motorists, particularly heavy vehicles, to travel around rather than through Parkes.

#### How did we get to this point?

From December 2016 to February 2017, feedback was invited on the proposed bypass design. A range of consultation activities supported the display including online, individual and group consultation events. Transport for NSW received 220 responses to an online survey released to the community and over 800 people attended the community information sessions.

The feedback received during this time was used to assist in determining the preferred option for the Parkes Bypass.

Since then, a concept design for the Parkes Bypass was developed and a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been carried out. The concept design and REF went on public display from Monday 1 July to Friday 9 August 2019. During this period submissions were invited on the concept design and REF. Transport for NSW received a total of 119 submissions about a range of issues.

#### What is happening now?

The Parkes Bypass Submissions Report is now available on the project website. It provides a summary of the suggestions, issues and concerns raised in submissions to the Parkes Bypass project and Transport for NSW's responses to these.

The 2019 Parkes Bypass Community Consultation Report is also now available on the project website. The report contains a summary of consultation with the community and key stakeholders about the Parkes Bypass during the display period from Monday 1 July 2019 to Friday 9 August 2019.

#### What are the next steps in developing the project?

Feedback on the REF and concept design has been considered during the determination of the REF and finalisation of the Submissions Report. The determined REF allows Transport for NSW to continue planning for the Parkes Bypass project, including starting the detailed design.

## How has feedback been used to develop the project?

Some changes to the Parkes Bypass concept design have been confirmed following the REF and concept design display period. These include:

- Access for local vehicles as well as pedestrians and cyclists on the bridge between Victoria Street and Back Trundle Road
- A new shared path for pedestrians and cyclists parallel to the eastern side of the bypass, which would connect Brolgan Road, Condobolin Road and Victoria Street
- Four new bus stops
- Moving the intersection of the Hartigan Avenue extension and Henry Parkes Way about 100 metres west.

For more information on these changes, see the Parkes Bypass Submissions Report which can be found on the project website.

As well as design changes, the Submissions Report details further environmental investigations carried out since the finalisation of the REF as a result of changes to the proposal and identifies new or revised environmental management measures for the project.

## What are people saying about the project?

Issues raised through the submissions to the Parkes Bypass project included:

- Hazards and risks, including those associated with crossing the Condobolin Road roundabout
- Requests to change the shared pedestrian/cycleway bridge between Victoria Street and Back Trundle Road
- Requests to change the roundabout at Condobolin Road to a light traffic overpass
- Noise and vibration impacts, especially near the approaches to the Condobolin Road roundabout
- Impacts to trade and business incomes in Parkes town centre once the bypass is finished
- Traffic, transport and access impacts, particularly for people travelling to Parkes Christian School and Shallow Rush.

## Is there funding for the project?

Yes. The Australian and NSW Governments are funding the \$168 million Parkes Bypass project.

## Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

### What is an REF?

An REF is an environmental assessment that is required as part of the assessment of activities needing approval under NSW legislation. The assessment examines the significance of likely environmental impacts of a proposal and the measures required to deal with any adverse impacts to the environment.

An REF is a publicly available document that provides information on a proposal, including its environmental impacts and mitigation measures. It is used by Transport for NSW to inform determination of the proposal.

The REF plays a critical role in the process of identifying, predicting, assessing, evaluating and mitigating the environmental, social, economic and other relevant effects of development proposals. The REF for the Parkes Bypass assesses the potential environmental impacts of the proposal through detailed technical investigations.

## What is the status of the Parkes Bypass REF?

Feedback on the REF and concept design was assessed against the outcomes of earlier community engagement carried out for the proposal, as well as technical studies. This information and analysis was considered during the determination of the REF and finalisation of the Parkes Bypass Submissions Report.

The determination of the REF is the confirmation that the project meets all the environmental requirements. The determination allows Transport for NSW to continue planning for the Parkes Bypass project, including starting the detailed design.

## Information for the community

### I made a submission to the Parkes Bypass project, how can I see Transport for NSW's response?

Submissions have been individually analysed and each has been assigned a number in the Submissions Report. Transport for NSW will be contacting individuals and organisations who made submissions to the project with information on how to find their submission in the Parkes Bypass Submissions Report, as well as Transport for NSW's response.

The names of individuals and organisations that made submissions have not been published and will remain confidential.

### How will the community be informed about the development of the project?

Transport for NSW will continue to work with the community and stakeholders during planning and delivery of the Parkes Bypass project to understand issues and minimise any potential impacts.

All community and stakeholder feedback on the project is welcome.

We are liaising directly with any property owners potentially affected by the Parkes Bypass proposal, as well as engaging with the broader community and other stakeholders.

Visit [nswroads.work/parkesupgrade](https://nswroads.work/parkesupgrade) to sign up for updates and to find out more about what is happening in Parkes.

### How can I contact the project team?

Transport for NSW is committed to keeping the community informed. For more information on the Parkes Bypass project:

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