

Community update

Proposed Pandala Link Road – Pacific Highway and Manns Road future upgrade

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The NSW Government is planning for a future staged upgrade of the Pacific Highway and Manns Road between Narara Creek Road, Narara and Parsons Road, Lisarow, to improve safety, travel times and reduce congestion.

Proposed Pandala Link Road

Several hundred community and stakeholder responses were received by Roads and Maritime Services during the recent community consultation on the Pacific Highway and Manns Road upgrade proposal.

This included a significant number of responses about the proposed new link road extending Pandala Road between Reeves Street and Carrington Street.

The Pandala Link Road was included in the design to address access issues during flood events in the Narara area and the closure of Carrington Street at Manns Road. The Pandala Link Road was identified as the only viable option in the area to provide near 100 year flood free access.

Following the recent consultation, Roads and Maritime have a greater understanding of the potential impact the Pandala Link Road would have on the local community.

After listening to the community and receiving feedback from the Central Coast Council stating

they would not accept this new link road as an asset to maintain once built, we are responding by removing the Pandala Link Road from future Roads and Maritime design options for the Pacific Highway and Manns Road upgrade proposal.

It must be noted a negative impact resulting from the proposed link road removal will be the loss of the regular bus route through the Narara Valley area.

Alternative options to provide access between Reeves Street and Carrington have been investigated. However, all were considered not viable due to community concern, environmental issues, social impact or significant cost.

Further detail about the other options and why they were considered not viable by Roads and Maritime, will be included in the Community Consultation Report due to be published in early 2017. Any future link to provide flood free access in the area will be the responsibility of Central Coast Council.

Deane Street and Narara Valley Drive intersection

In addition to the change regarding the removal of the proposed Pandala Link Road, feedback from the community was received about the Deane Street and Narara Valley Drive intersection.

This intersection was originally out of scope of the Pacific Highway and Manns Road future upgrade proposal.

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of the Deane Street / Narara Valley Drive intersection within the local traffic network. Due to the removal of the proposed link road, this intersection is now being investigated for a potential upgrade as part of the proposal as additional traffic will be redirected to this intersection.

The potential upgrade of this intersection would provide improved traffic flow and reduce congestion in the morning and afternoon peak times.

It is not a replacement for the proposed Pandala Link Road, given the localised flooding issues in the area of this intersection.

Initial investigations for a potential upgrade of the intersection have started and adjacent residents have been informed of these investigations.



What happens next?

Investigations for a potential upgrade to the Deane Street and Narara Valley Drive intersection will continue over the coming months.

Any proposal to upgrade the intersection will go on public display and community feedback and comment will be sought around mid 2017 when the environmental assessment for the proposal will be displayed for comment.

The Community Consultation Report detailing feedback Roads and Maritime received during the recent community consultation will be published in early 2017.

This report will include Road and Maritime responses to issues raised in the feedback, including the Pandala Link Road.

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