

The planning for the M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace is progressing.

The NSW Government has provided \$7 million in 2016-17 to continue planning for a future extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to the Pacific Highway at Raymond Terrace.

The proposed upgrade involves building 15 kilometres of dual carriageway motorway with two lanes in each direction, bypassing Hexham and Heatherbrae.

Changes to the project design were displayed for community comment in August and September 2016. These changes include providing a motorway exit ramp south of Heatherbrae to improve access to businesses and a free flowing interchange at Tomago to replace the previously proposed roundabout design.

A separate road to the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens is proposed to provide safe access via Old Punt Road.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to view the design and provide feedback.

Community feedback

A total of 48 submissions were received during the public display. Key issues raised include impacts to businesses, timing and funding of the project, general access, Botanic Gardens access, and signage and line marking.

We have published a community consultation report which summarises our response to the issues raised during the public display. A copy of this report can be viewed or downloaded from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/m1rt.

What happens next?

The feedback received during the public display will be considered as we develop this project and continue our investigations. We will continue consultation as we progress the concept design and environmental assessment.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact the project team on 1800 094 895 during business hours or M1RT@jacobs.com. For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov/m1rt.