

17 What happens next?

17.1 Selection of the preferred option

The preferred option will be selected following the consideration of feedback from the September 2012 consultation process in order to enable the options to be reviewed and refined. These refined options will then be assessed as part of a value management process and reviewed by RMS and key stakeholders prior to recommending the preferred option. Figure 27 below illustrates the selection process.

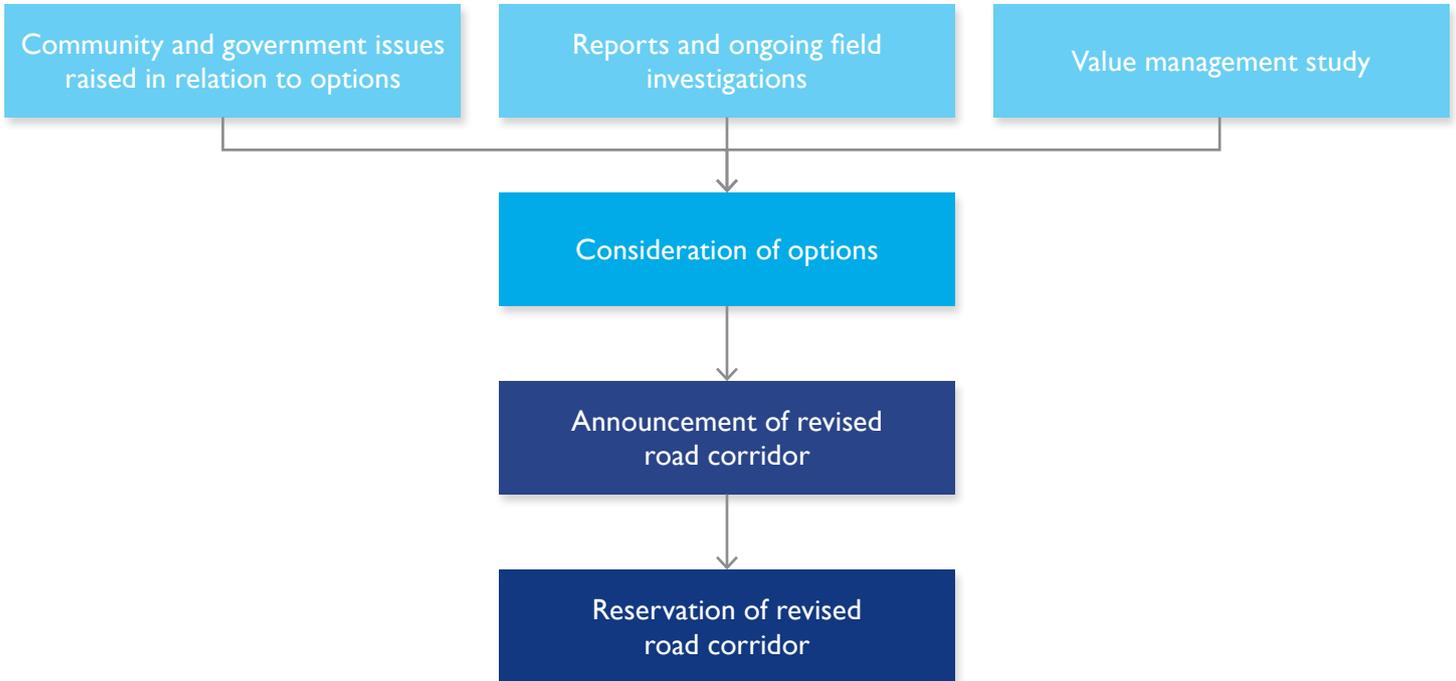


Figure 27 Process for the selection of preferred option

17.2 Later phases

Following the identification of a preferred option, the following additional studies will need to be undertaken to further understand the impacts of the preferred option and enable the optimisation of the design. These studies will include:

- An impact assessment to identify potential construction and operational impacts associated with the preferred option. This assessment will include the review and refinement of the traffic modelling undertaken in Stage 1 in order to optimise intersection layouts for the preferred option.
- Following the completion of the impact assessment on the preferred option, a range of long term congestion management and mitigation measures would be identified to minimise the impacts and disruption to traffic flow during construction and operation of the proposed concept design.
- Further investigation of the intersection of Bells Line of Road, Grose Vale Road and Terrace Road to outline the upgrade requirements to reduce the significant delays experienced during the AM peak period.
- Completion of a Statement of Heritage Impact will be completed for the preferred option.
- More detailed urban design assessment and visualisations of the preferred option.
- Further investigation along the corridor of the preferred option associated with Aboriginal Heritage items.
- Completion of a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit in order to identify any safety issues which need to be considered and addressed as part of the further development of the preferred option.
- Completion of further detailed traffic modelling of the preferred option in order to quantify the benefits to road users as a result of the upgrade.