

## New England Highway, Tenterfield – Heavy Vehicle Bypass

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is working with the community to identify a preferred route for a heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield.

### Background

The Australian Government has committed \$6 million for planning of a Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass and safety works at Bolivia Hill as part of the Nation Building Program.

The New England Highway is a major link from the Hunter Region to the New England area and beyond. The highway passes through Tenterfield's central business district, causing traffic and safety issues. The purpose of this planning is to identify a future heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield to improve traffic flow, pedestrian and road safety. The planning will assess the feasibility of a heavy vehicle bypass and investigate and select a preferred route.

Although construction funding has not been allocated, it is important to plan now for a heavy vehicle bypass. This provides certainty for the future development of Tenterfield.

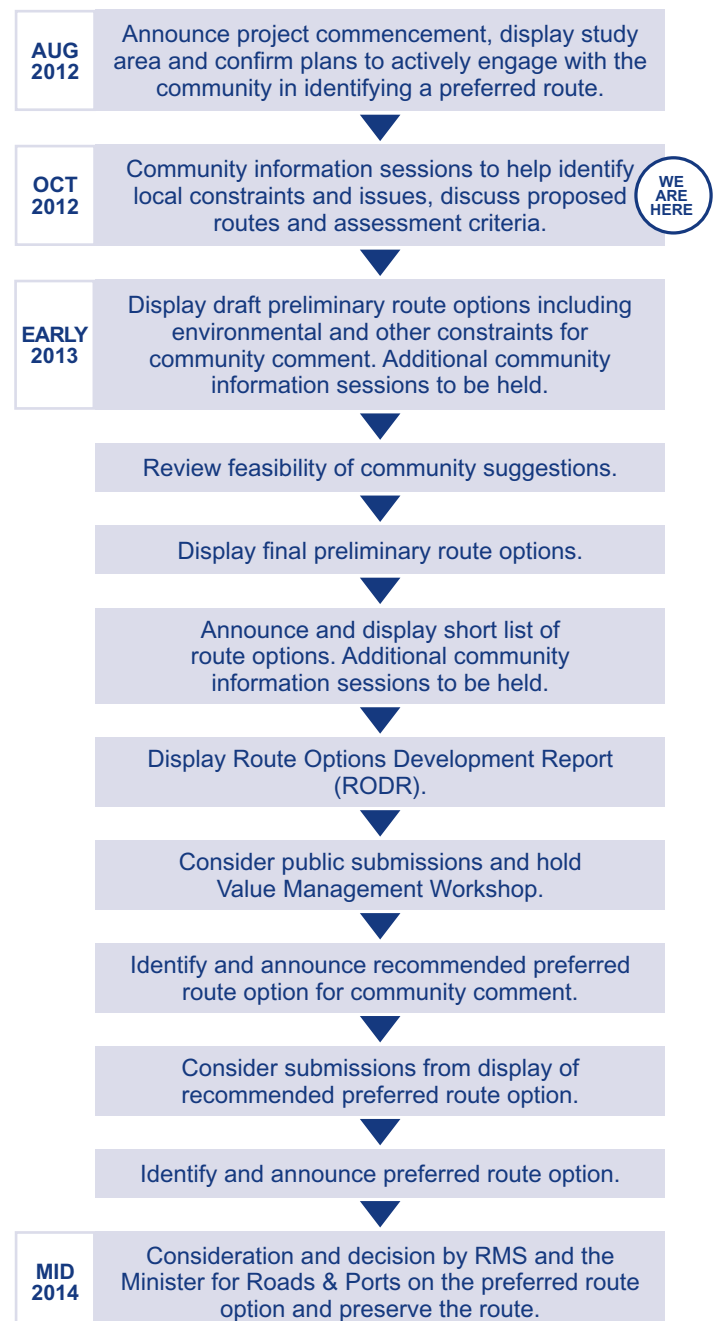
### Current status

RMS has engaged GHD to assist in the investigation and recommendation of route options for a heavy vehicle bypass of Tenterfield. GHD will conduct community information sessions, displays and workshops to work with the community to help identify the best route for a heavy vehicle bypass and achieve the best outcome for the Tenterfield community.

Residents and businesses in the Tenterfield area are encouraged to become involved in these investigations. RMS is planning to display preliminary route options by early 2013. This will provide planning clarity for Tenterfield Shire Council and the community.

Extensive community involvement will continue throughout the route identification process. The process to identify a preferred option for a heavy vehicle bypass is shown in the project timeline opposite.

### Project timeline



## Study area

Investigations will focus within a proposed study area, indicated on the map opposite.

The aim of the investigations is to determine a preferred New England Highway heavy vehicle route to bypass Tenterfield. The preferred bypass route shall consider the following objectives.

- Improve road safety.
- Improve road transport productivity, efficiency and reliability of travel.
- Minimise the impact on the natural, cultural and built environment.
- Provide sustainable economic outcomes for the local community.
- Minimise social impact on the local community.
- Provide value for money.

Field investigations, to be undertaken in 2013, on shortlisted route options would include:

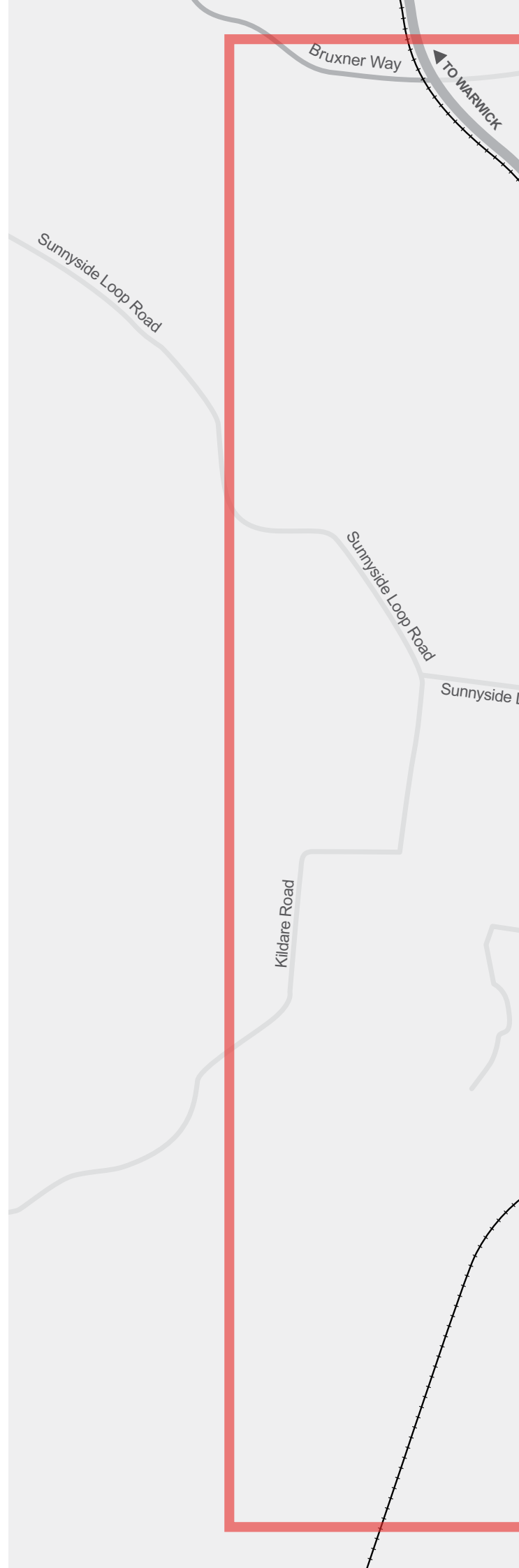
- Geotechnical investigations.
- Flora and fauna studies.
- Noise monitoring and assessments
- Examination of Aboriginal and/or non-Aboriginal heritage.

The project team will need to access private properties to undertake these investigations.

A letter of request for access will be sent to the owners of properties proposed for investigation activities closer to that time.



RMS is planning a heavy vehicle bypass



**INITIAL STUDY AREA**



**TENTERFIELD**

## Involving the community

RMS values your input to help identify local constraints and issues, discuss potential routes and assessment criteria. The project team will be available at community information sessions to discuss the investigations, answer your questions and receive your feedback.

You are invited to:

A drop-in community information session at

**Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts**  
Rouse Street, Tenterfield

- **Thursday 18 October 2012**  
From 4pm to 7pm
- **Friday 19 October 2012**  
From 9am to 12noon

If you are planning to drop in at one of these information sessions, please contact the project team by calling 1800 810 680 prior to the day.

Project information will also be on display at the following locations:

- Tenterfield Shire Council  
247 Rouse Street Tenterfield
- Tenterfield Hub Community Resource Centre  
204 Rouse Street Tenterfield
- Tenterfield Post Office  
225 Rouse Street Tenterfield
- Tenterfield RMS Motor Registry  
Court House Building  
94 Molesworth Street Tenterfield

## Contact the project team

For more information or to comment, please contact the project team at;

Phone: 1800 810 680 (toll free)

Email: [community.input@ghd.com](mailto:community.input@ghd.com)

Web: [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/north\\_eastern\\_region/new\\_england\\_tenterfield](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/projects/north_eastern_region/new_england_tenterfield)

Write to: Tenterfield Bypass project team  
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