

Upgrading the Pacific Highway Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing



The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is identifying an upgrade of the Pacific Highway for approximately 27.8 kilometres of dual carriageway between Woolgoolga and Wells Crossing. Planning for the project is funded by NSW State Government.

Route options were displayed for comment from 21 October to 2 December 2005.

Value management workshop

A value management workshop was held in December with representatives from a range of government, Coffs Harbour and Clarence Valley councils and community interests. The purpose of this workshop was to assess which route options could provide the best balance across environmental, social, land use, traffic and engineering issues, while also achieving the highest overall benefits.

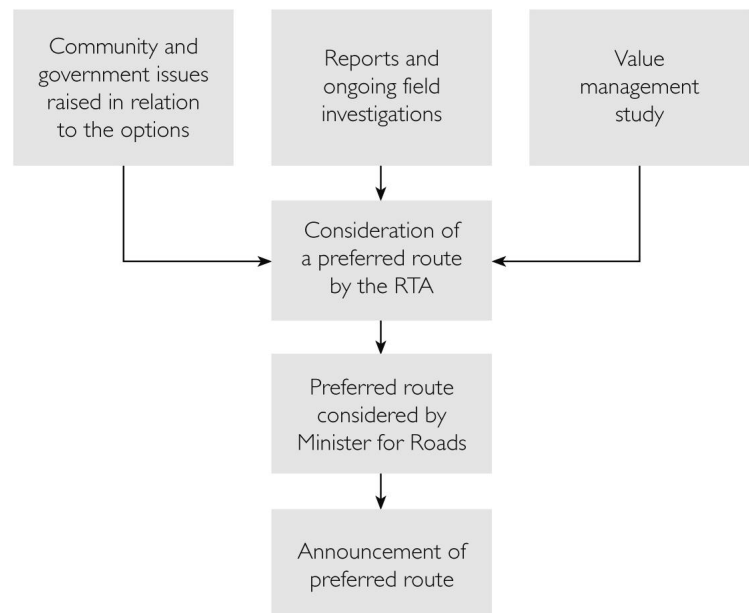
The outcome of the workshop is not a final decision. No preferred option has been selected at this stage.

The workshop is one of several inputs to the consideration of a preferred route, as shown in this flow chart.

The consensus of the workshop participants was that the orange option in sections B, C and E, together with the common route in sections A and D, was preferred over other options, subject to further environmental and cultural investigations.

Details of the route options can be found in the October 2005 community update. A copy can be viewed on the project website or obtained by phoning the project information line (see details below).

Process to develop a preferred route



What happens next

All inputs: public submissions; reports and field investigations; comments from government agencies; and the results of the value management workshop will now be considered to determine a preferred route.

For more information contact the project information line 1800 154 724 (toll free) or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing).