

# Upgrading the Pacific Highway Oxley Highway to Kempsey



The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is identifying an upgrade of the Pacific Highway for approximately 38.8 kilometres of dual carriageway between the Oxley Highway and Kempsey. Planning for the project is funded by the 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 government departments, Port Macquarie-Hastings and Kempsey Shire 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 quality, performance and cost 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.

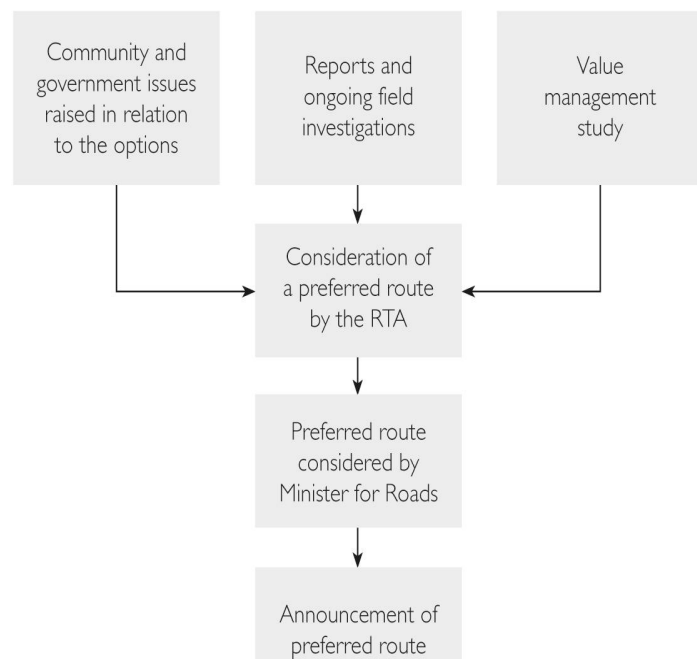
The consensus of the workshop participants was that the orange option in sections A, B and D, and the blue option in section C, together with the common routes in sections A and D was preferred over other options, subject to further environmental and cultural investigations.

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

## What happens next

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

Process to develop a preferred route



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