

Upgrading the Pacific Highway

Iluka Road to Woodburn



Progress update No. 2 – December 2005

This is the second in a series of progress updates for the 35 km Iluka Road to Woodburn upgrade. The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has engaged Connell Wagner to assist with community consultation and the development of the project.

Pacific Highway Upgrade overview

The identification of all remaining route options to upgrade the Pacific Highway between the F3 Freeway and Tweed Heads is a key step in moves to complete the upgrade of the highway.

Since the last progress update (October 2005), route options for five Pacific Highway upgrade projects have been announced and were on display until 2 December 2005. These are:

- F3 Freeway to Raymond Terrace
- Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing
- Tintenbar to Ewingsdale
- Oxley Highway to Kempsey
- Wells Crossing to Iluka Road

The preferred routes for a further two projects Macksville to Urunga and Woodburn to Ballina were announced in November 2005. These seven projects, along with the Iluka Road to Woodburn section, will provide preferred routes for the final 230 kilometres of the highway. This will provide planning certainty for local communities and pave the way for a construction program to complete the upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

Display of Concept Design – Iluka Road to Woodburn

For this section of the Pacific Highway the proposal generally follows the alignment of the existing highway. The RTA is developing a concept design along this section taking into account social, economic and environmental issues as well as meeting road safety and engineering criteria.

The local community's interest in the concept design and input to this project to date is appreciated.

The RTA had advised that it had intended to display the concept design for Iluka Road to Woodburn before the end of 2005. However, current investigations including road design, detail survey, targeted assessment of threatened flora species and modelling of local flooding characteristics are continuing for this project.

The RTA is now aiming to display the concept design for the Iluka Road to Woodburn upgrade in 2006. The display will include opportunities to speak directly with project team members, such as community information sessions and face-to-face discussions with potentially affected landowners.

For more information on the Iluka Road to Woodburn Upgrade, call the information line.

Forward written inquires to: Ms Naomi Butcher
Community Liaison Coordinator, Connell Wagner,
PO Box 538, Neutral Bay NSW 2089
Email: ilukatowoodburn@conwag.com
Facsimile: (02) 9465 5598

**For more information contact the project information line 1800 258 118 (toll free)
or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Iluka Road to Woodburn)**