



Mona Vale Road West upgrade

McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills to Powder Works Road, Ingleside

February 2017

The NSW Government is planning to upgrade Mona Vale Road from two lanes to four lanes between Terrey Hills and Mona Vale. The project would provide customers with a better travelling experience and improve safety and traffic efficiency.

Review of Environmental Factors

Mona Vale Road West currently experiences congestion in peak periods and requires upgrading to increase capacity and reduce travel times.

Roads and Maritime Services has prepared a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) and a Species Impact Statement (SIS) to examine the potential impact of the proposed upgrade to Mona Vale Road West and outline measures to reduce and manage the impact.

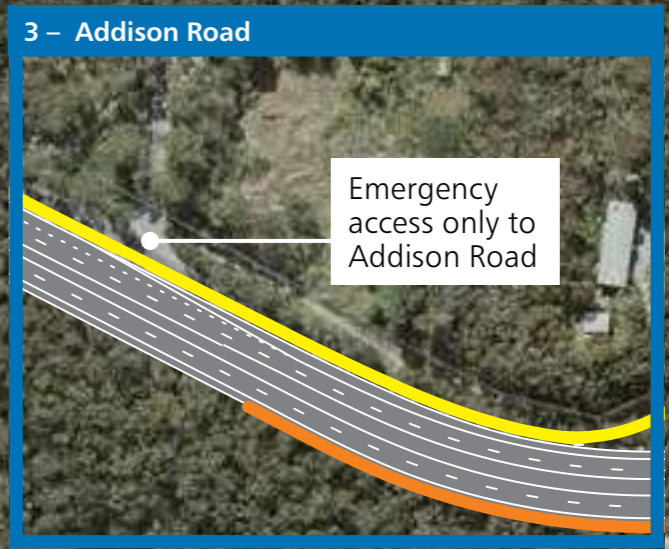
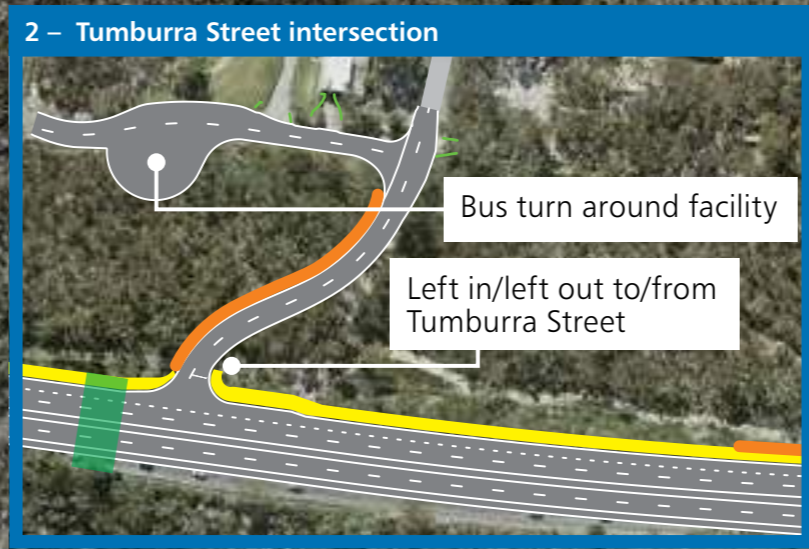
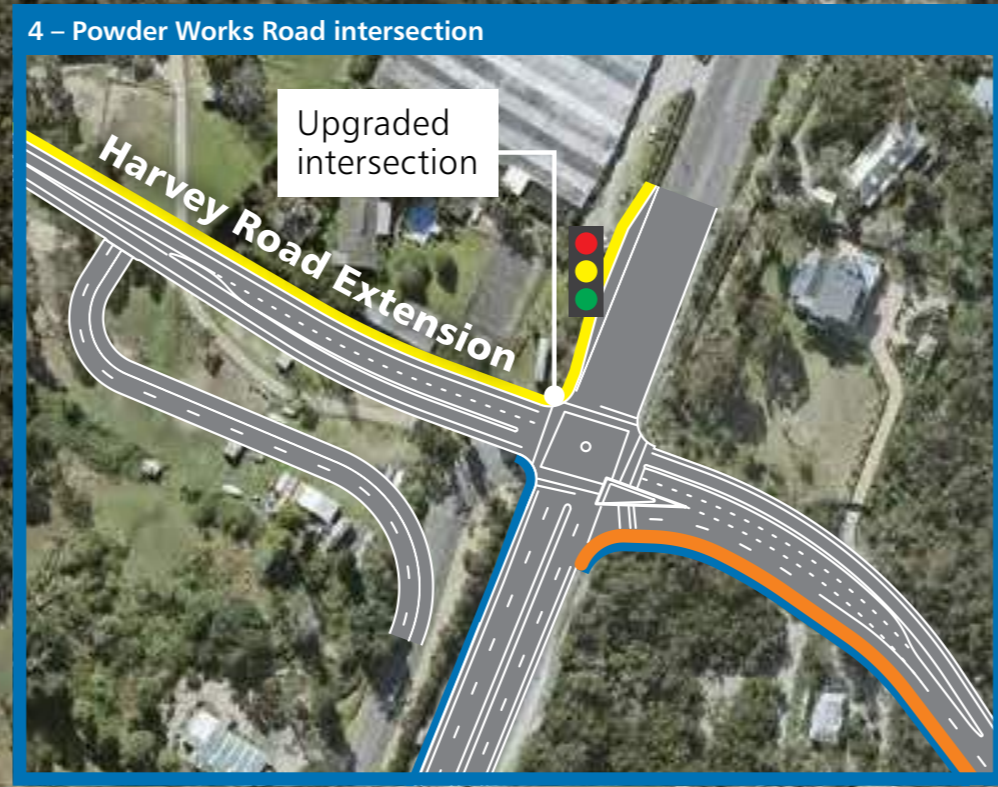
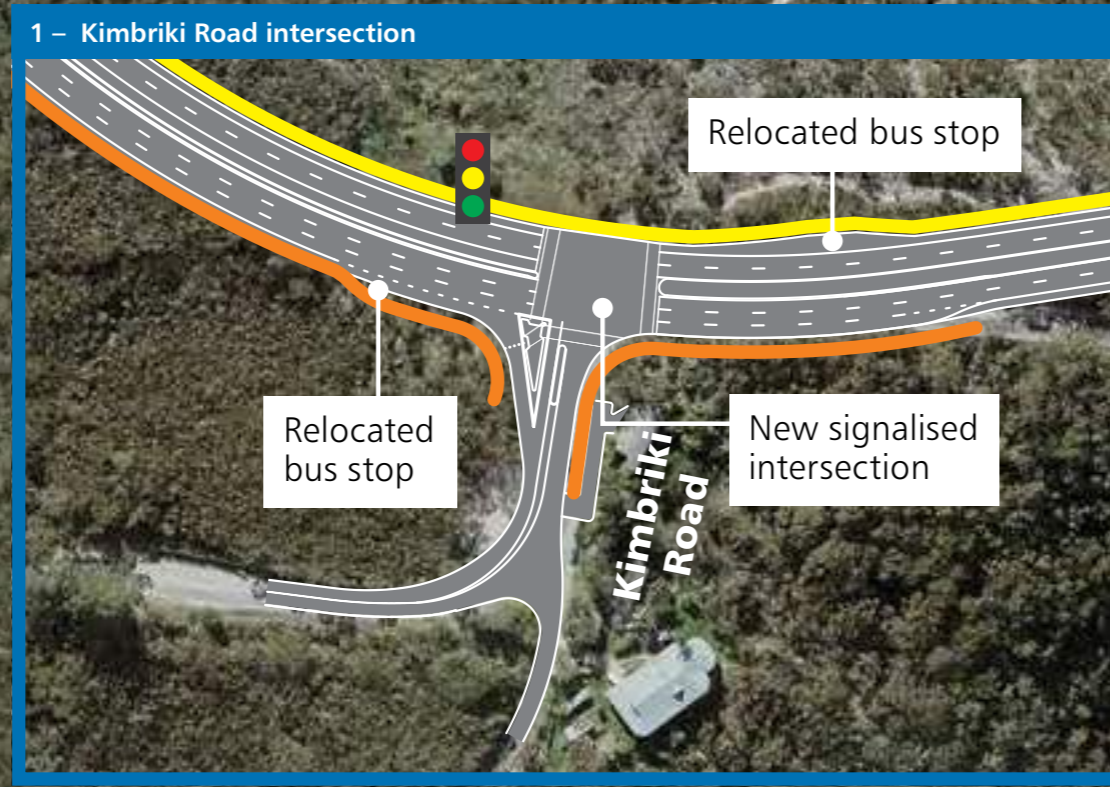
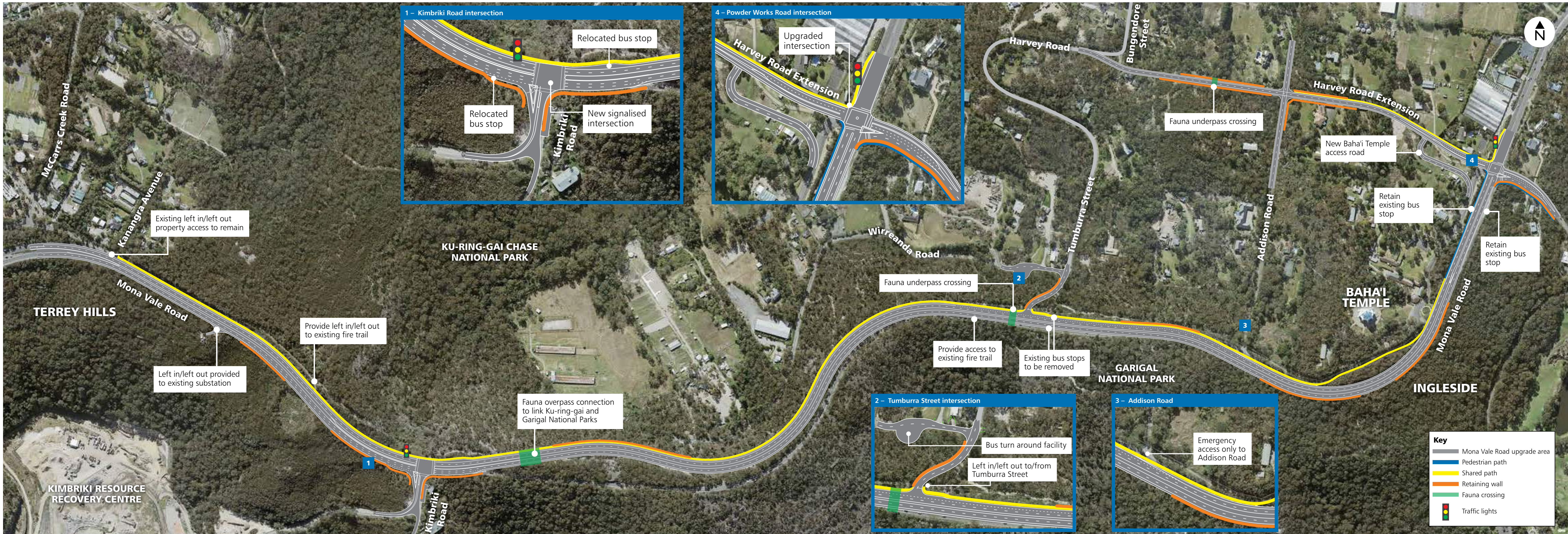
The REF and SIS will be on display for community and stakeholder comment until **Monday 13 March 2017**.

During the display period, printed copies of the REF and SIS will be available to view in several locations and an electronic copy will be available on the project website. Roads and Maritime will also hold a community information drop-in session. The time and location is listed in this project update.

Why does Mona Vale Road West need upgrading?

Roads and Maritime proposes to deliver this project to:

- Improve traffic flow and efficiency by providing additional lanes
- Improve safety for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists by improving the road alignment and widening the shoulders
- Provide safe and efficient travel for pedestrians and cyclists from a new shared path
- Upgrade an essential link between Sydney's northern beaches and the north shore
- Provide better access for current and future Ingleside residents by constructing a new local road corridor from Harvey Road to Powder Works Road
- Enable fauna to cross Mona Vale Road safely and access Garigal and Ku-ring-gai National Parks by constructing an overpass bridge and underpasses



Key

- Mona Vale Road upgrade area
- Pedestrian path
- Shared path
- Retaining wall
- Fauna crossing
- Traffic lights

What upgrades are being proposed?

Roads and Maritime has developed a concept design for Mona Vale Road West which includes upgrading 3.4 kilometres of Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road, Terrey Hills and Powder Works Road, Ingleside, from a two lane undivided road (one lane in each direction) to a four lane divided road (two lanes in each direction).

The key features of the proposed upgrade would include:

- Widening Mona Vale Road between McCarrs Creek Road and Powder Works Road from two lanes to four lanes with a central concrete safety barrier
- Providing a new traffic signal intersection at Kimbriki Road and Mona Vale Road, including additional dedicated turning lanes and a truck climbing lane
- Relocating the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Tumburra Street to the west by about 40 metres and changing access to left turn in and left turn out only
- Closing the existing intersection at Mona Vale Road and Addison Road to general traffic and restricting access to emergency vehicles only
- Constructing a new local road connection between Bungendore Street and Powder Works Road, using the existing Harvey Road corridor, and extending the new local road east of Addison Road to meet the intersection of Mona Vale Road and Powder Works Road
- Removing bus stops near the intersection of Tumburra Street and re-directing bus services along the new local road connection and Tumburra Street to serve existing and future land uses
- Providing new and improved fauna connections including a 40 metre wide fauna bridge over Mona Vale Road and two fauna underpasses
- Constructing a shared use path on the northern side of Mona Vale Road
- Relocating the access road to the National Baha'i Centre by about 120 metres west along the new road
- Upgrading street lighting for the full length of the project
- Constructing retaining walls and/or sandstone cuttings at various locations along the alignment
- Landscaping over the length of the proposal.



Community information drop-in sessions

Roads and Maritime recognises the importance of involving the community in the upgrade of Mona Vale Road West. We will be hosting a community drop-in session on:

- **Saturday, 18 February 2017, 2–4pm**
Terrey Hills Community Hall, Yulong Avenue, Terrey Hills

The drop-in session will enable the community to speak face-to-face with members of the project team and ask questions. A formal presentation will not be given, so please drop in at any time.

Additional community information sessions relating to the Ingleside Precinct Plan will be held by the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) and the Northern Beaches Council. These sessions are expected to be held in Mona Vale during **February 2017** and representatives from Roads and Maritime will also be in attendance to discuss the upgrade of Mona Vale Road West. To register for project updates, including details of the DPE sessions once dates have been confirmed, please visit our project website or email monavaleroad@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Display locations

During the display period, printed copies of the REF and SIS are available to view until **Monday 13 March 2017** at:

- **Northern Beaches Council**
725 Pittwater Road, Dee Why
- **Mona Vale Library**
1 Park Street, Mona Vale
- **Office of Environment and Heritage**
Level 14, 59–61 Goulburn Street, Sydney

Electronic copies of this community update, the REF and SIS are available on the Roads and Maritime project website at rms.nsw.gov.au/mvr.



Artist's Impression: proposed fauna bridge crossing Mona Vale Road

Frequently asked questions

Q. The Ingleside Land Release will introduce additional traffic to Mona Vale Road. Will the proposed road upgrade cater for the expected increase in traffic volumes?

Roads and Maritime is working closely with Northern Beaches Council and DPE to ensure the road upgrade takes into account the projected traffic from the future development of the area.

Q. Why has the design changed since the Concept Design?

Since the Concept Design was displayed for community consultation in October/November 2014, Roads and Maritime has refined the design in response to community feedback and the release of the Ingleside Precinct Plan. The changes include construction of a new access road linking Powder Works Road to Harvey Road for current and future residents, changing access to the Baha'i Temple, Tumburra Street and Addison Road, and investigating new fauna crossings.

Q. Were other options considered?

The Mona Vale Road West proposal has been under development for a number of years, and several different options have been considered. The preferred option was selected for a range of reasons, including minimising the amount of national park land acquisition, avoiding impact to culturally sensitive areas, providing the best opportunities for fauna connectivity, and providing flexibility to allow for future development of the Ingleside area.

Q. How will the road upgrade impact the local environment?

The road corridor has areas of particular ecological value, as well as sites of Aboriginal and historic heritage, classified as being of local significance.

The road upgrade would be constructed in a way that minimises environmental impact and maintains fauna habitat connectivity. This includes moving the proposed road away from items of a significant cultural heritage and establishing conservation zones to protect threatened species in the area. Due to the number of threatened species in the area, Roads and Maritime has consulted with the Office of Environment and Heritage. A separate SIS has been prepared and is attached to the REF.



Q. Will the road upgrade require any property acquisition?

The road upgrade will require some property adjustments and acquisitions. Roads and Maritime has held discussions with the affected property owners and will continue to work closely with the community to minimise any impact.

Q. How long would construction take?

The construction would take around 30 months to complete, weather permitting.

Q. What is happening to Mona Vale Road East?

Planning approval was granted in December 2015 for Mona Vale Road East. Roads and Maritime is proceeding with the detailed design phase of the project and is continuing to consult with residents and affected stakeholders. Construction is due to start in early 2018, subject to funding.

Q. What are the threatened species in the area?

Roads and Maritime has carried out extensive investigations and identified a number of fauna and flora species that may be affected by the project, including Duffys Forest endangered ecological community. These are assessed in the SIS which outlines how these species would be protected during the road upgrade.

A range of mitigation measures would be implemented during the project to minimise any impact on threatened species, as well as common flora and fauna species. Residual impacts that cannot be mitigated would be offset in accordance with Roads and Maritime's biodiversity offsetting guidelines.

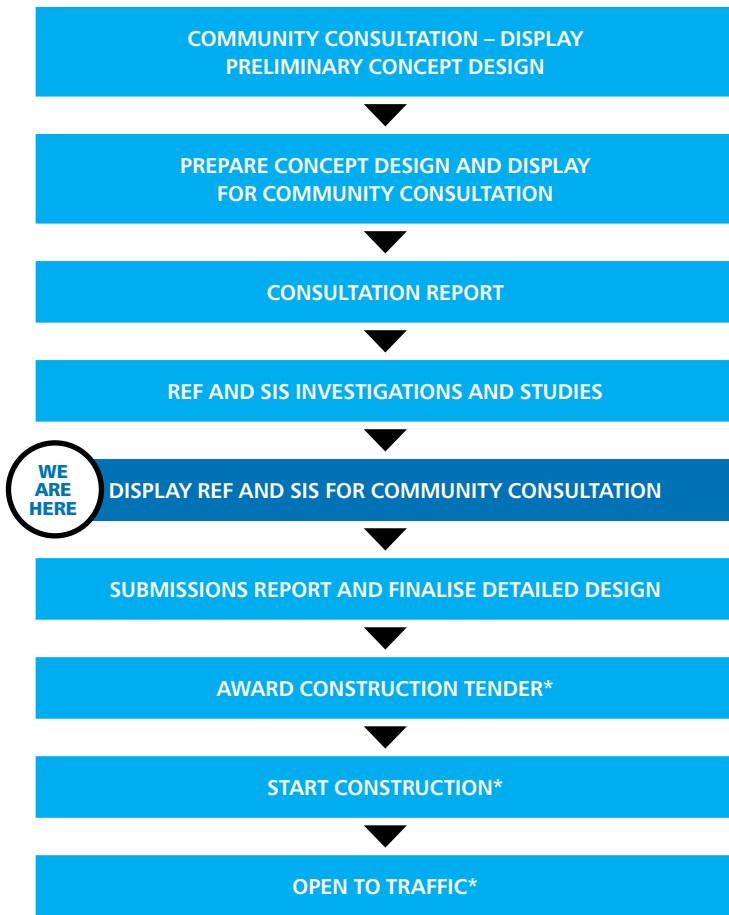
Q. How are you protecting local fauna?

A 40 metre wide fauna bridge crossing is proposed across Mona Vale Road east of Kimbriki Road, as well as two fauna underpasses. These crossings would restore connectivity between Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks. A fauna connectivity strategy would be prepared during the detailed design, including identification and detailing of fauna fencing. Additional crossings and fauna connectivity measures are planned as part of the Mona Vale Road East upgrade.

Next steps

We will consider all comments in finalising the proposal and design and will continue to liaise with the community throughout the project. Following the display of the REF and SIS, Roads and Maritime will prepare a submissions report to respond to matters raised by the community and stakeholders during the display.

What are the next steps?



*subject to funding



Have your say

We welcome your feedback on the proposed design and REF and SIS for Mona Vale Road West until **Monday 13 March 2017**.

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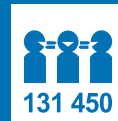
Mail: Mona Vale Road West upgrade
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PO Box 973, Parramatta CBD, NSW 2124

You can also email the project team and ask to be added to the stakeholder list to ensure you receive up-to-date information.

Further information

Please contact the Roads and Maritime project team:

- **Phone:** 1800 633 332
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