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General Manager
Lithgow City Council
PO Box 19
Lithgow NSW 2790

Dear Sir

Mount Victoria to Lithgow Great Western Highway upgrade - final concept design
Your property: Lot 1, DP 758809

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has recently completed the concept design for the upgrade of the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Lithgow.

Since the display of the concept design in 2012, RMS has thoroughly considered the 125 responses received from the community and stakeholders. This feedback has been used to complete the concept design and the road boundaries have been refined based on the final concept design.

RMS would like to ensure you are aware that your property, listed above, is potentially affected by the final concept design and road boundaries.

The road boundaries will be provided to Blue Mountains City Council and Lithgow City Council for inclusion in their local environmental plans.

A copy of the latest community update, outlining details of the final concept design is enclosed.

More information about the final concept design can also be found in the following documents on our website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects. This includes:

- Mount Victoria to Lithgow Final Concept Design Plan – April 2013.
- Mount Victoria to Lithgow Concept Design Completion Report – April 2013.
- Mount Victoria to Lithgow Concept Design Community and Stakeholder Feedback Report – April 2013.

RMS will continue to keep the community and stakeholders informed about the status of the project. Once again thank you for your interest in this important work.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to call 1800 035 733 (toll free) or send an email to K2Lupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Barnett'.

Chris Barnett
Project Manager

Roads & Maritime Services

What happens next?

The road boundaries will be provided to Lithgow City Council and Blue Mountains City Council for inclusion in their local environmental plans. This will assist in future land use planning along the Great Western Highway.

The road boundaries currently accommodate options developed for the Hartley Historic Site, heavy vehicle rest areas and the Darling Causeway connection.

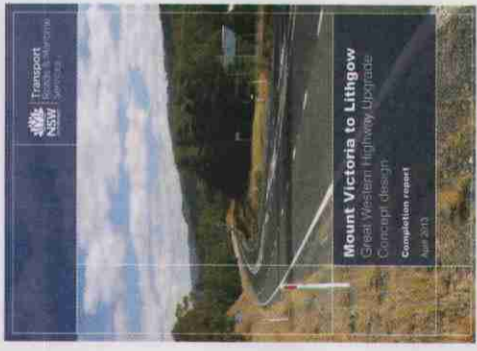
Assessment and selection of options will be undertaken when funding is made available for the project to proceed. The community and stakeholders will be consulted at that time.



Concept design reports

Further detailed information on the final concept design can be found within the Mount Victoria to Lithgow Concept Design Completion Report.

The Community and Stakeholder Feedback Report and the Completion Report are available on our website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.



The final concept design can be viewed at the following locations until the end of May 2013:

Blue Mountains City Council

2-6 Civic Place

Katoomba

NSW 2780

Lithgow City Council

180 Mort Street

Lithgow

NSW 2790

Thank you

The interest and involvement from community members and stakeholders is greatly appreciated by the project team. Local knowledge shared by the community and stakeholders has made a valuable contribution to the final concept design.

RMS will continue to keep the community informed of any future developments about the project.



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Great Western Highway upgrade



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FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN AND ROAD BOUNDARIES

The concept design and road boundaries for the future upgrade of the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Lithgow have now been completed. This community update provides details about the concept design and road boundaries.

Background

The Australian Government in partnership with the New South Wales Government has committed \$250 million as part of the Nation Building Program to upgrade the Great Western Highway between Mount Victoria and Lithgow.

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) started the project development process in 2008 with the project announcement. Since then RMS has worked closely with the community and stakeholders to complete the concept design.

In July 2012, the Australian and New South Wales governments announced a revised investment program that included completing the concept design and road boundaries for the highway upgrade between Mount Victoria and Lithgow.

RMS has now completed the concept design. The road boundaries have been refined, based on the final concept design, and will be provided to councils for future land use planning.

The final concept design and road boundaries are available for viewing on our website www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

Community feedback about the concept design

The proposed concept design and road boundaries for the future upgrade were placed on public display for comment in July 2012.

Extensive feedback was received from the local and wider community and stakeholders. This feedback has been considered in completing the concept design and road boundaries.

The community and stakeholder feedback received is summarised in the Mount Victoria to Lithgow Concept Design Community and Stakeholder Feedback Report which is available on our website.

Final concept design

The concept design has been refined in response to issues raised during community and stakeholder consultation. The changes include:

- The number of water quality basins has been reduced on local roads.
- The curve of the highway near Fernhill has been improved.
- An area has been provided for buses to drop-off and pick-up instead of a roundabout at Old Bathurst Road, South Bowenfels.
- A u-turn bay has been provided instead of a roundabout at Mudgee Street, South Bowenfels.
- The u-turn bay at Baaners Lane, Little Hartley, has been moved 100 metres further down the lane.

Hartley Historic Site, Darling Causeway and heavy vehicle rest areas, all received strong community and stakeholder interest. More information is included on the map shown on pages 2 and 3.

For more information:

Please note new mail and email address for the project.



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