

BALLINA BYPASS DESIGN OPEN FOR COMMENT

The Federal Member for Page, Janelle Saffin says design improvements for the \$640M Pacific Highway Ballina bypass are now on display and members of the public are invited to have their say on the refinements to the project.

“Since the display of the July 2007 improved concept design, the RTA has acquired extra property to allow for further improvements,” Ms Saffin said.

The refinements include improved road safety and traffic efficiency and the removal of the Bruxner flyover bridge which allows greater separation of the Bruxner and Pacific Highway traffic.

The Australian and NSW Governments will spend \$1.6 billion upgrading the Pacific Highway in current three year program to 2009.

The Ballina bypass section of the upgrade will deliver around 12 kilometres of safer dual carriageway on the Pacific Highway.

The RTA encourages the community to comment on the refined design, which will be on display at the following locations:

Ballina Shire Council, corner of Cherry and Tamar Streets, Ballina
(Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm)

.Ballina Motor Registry, Ballina West Shopping Centre, Ballina
(Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

Lismore Motor Registry, Carrington Street, Lismore
(Mon-Fri, 8.30am-5pm and Sat, 8.30am-12 noon).

RTA Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street Grafton
(Mon-Fri, 8.30am-4.30pm).

Ballina Bypass Alliance community information centre, corner Teven Rd and Pacific Highway, South Ballina (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

The RTA has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and build the Ballina bypass and after the consultation period, the alliance will prepare the detailed design for construction.

For more information, visit the RTA's website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Ballina bypass) or phone the toll free project information line on 1800 209 484.

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