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PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE

MOORLAND TO HERONS CREEK

Community Newsletter No. 2

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Introduction

The Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is proposing to upgrade the Pacific Highway between Moorland and Herons Creek as part of the NSW Government's \$1.6 billion contribution to the Pacific Highway Upgrading Program.

The project will extend approximately 22 km from Camp Obadiah, Johns River, to the existing dual carriageway at Herons Creek. The project will include highway improvements at Kew and Johns River.

Bringing you up to date

Investigations that are completed or underway include:

- ◆ road design
- ◆ traffic and road safety assessment
- ◆ land use and planning
- ◆ socio-economic characteristics
- ◆ location of cultural heritage sites (indigenous and non-indigenous heritage)
- ◆ flora and fauna – terrestrial and aquatic
- ◆ identification of drainage and flooding issues
- ◆ geotechnical investigations
- ◆ noise and vibration
- ◆ landscape and visual quality.

Display of upgrade options

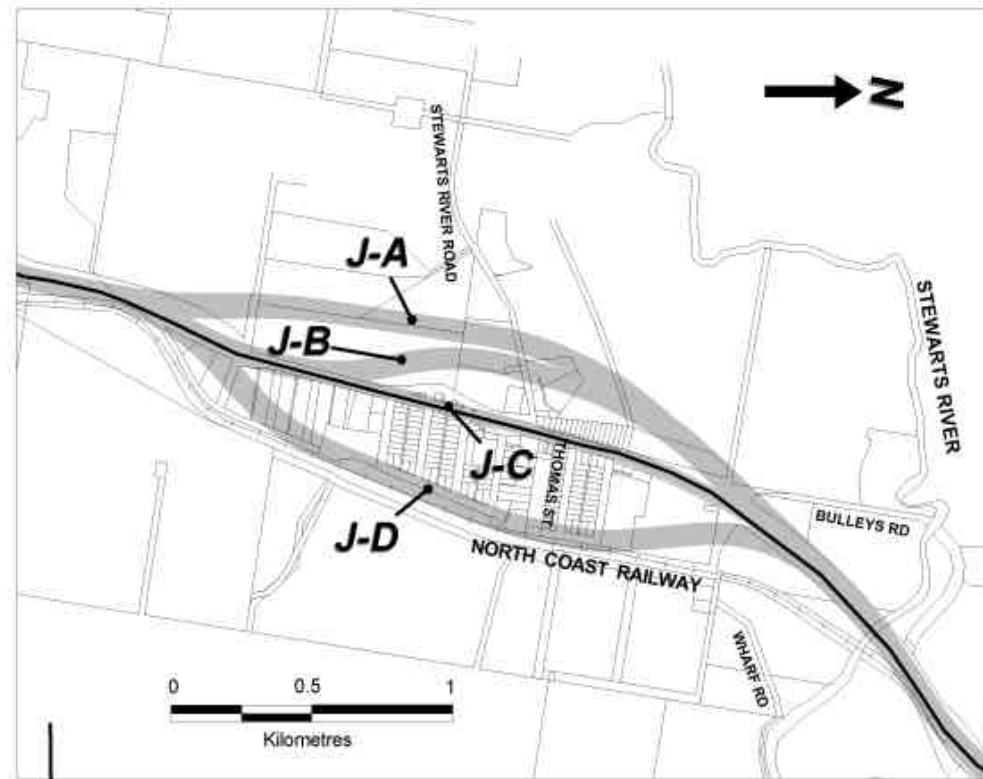
Concept designs, which integrate environmental, social and engineering aspects, have been prepared for a number of feasible highway upgrade options (see map on inside pages). These options will now be displayed for three weeks for public comment.

The display of the options for the proposed upgrading of the Pacific Highway from Moorland to Herons Creek will be held from Friday 11 May until Friday 1 June 2001. The locations and times for the display are given below including times (marked with *) when representatives of the Project Team will be in attendance to answer your questions.

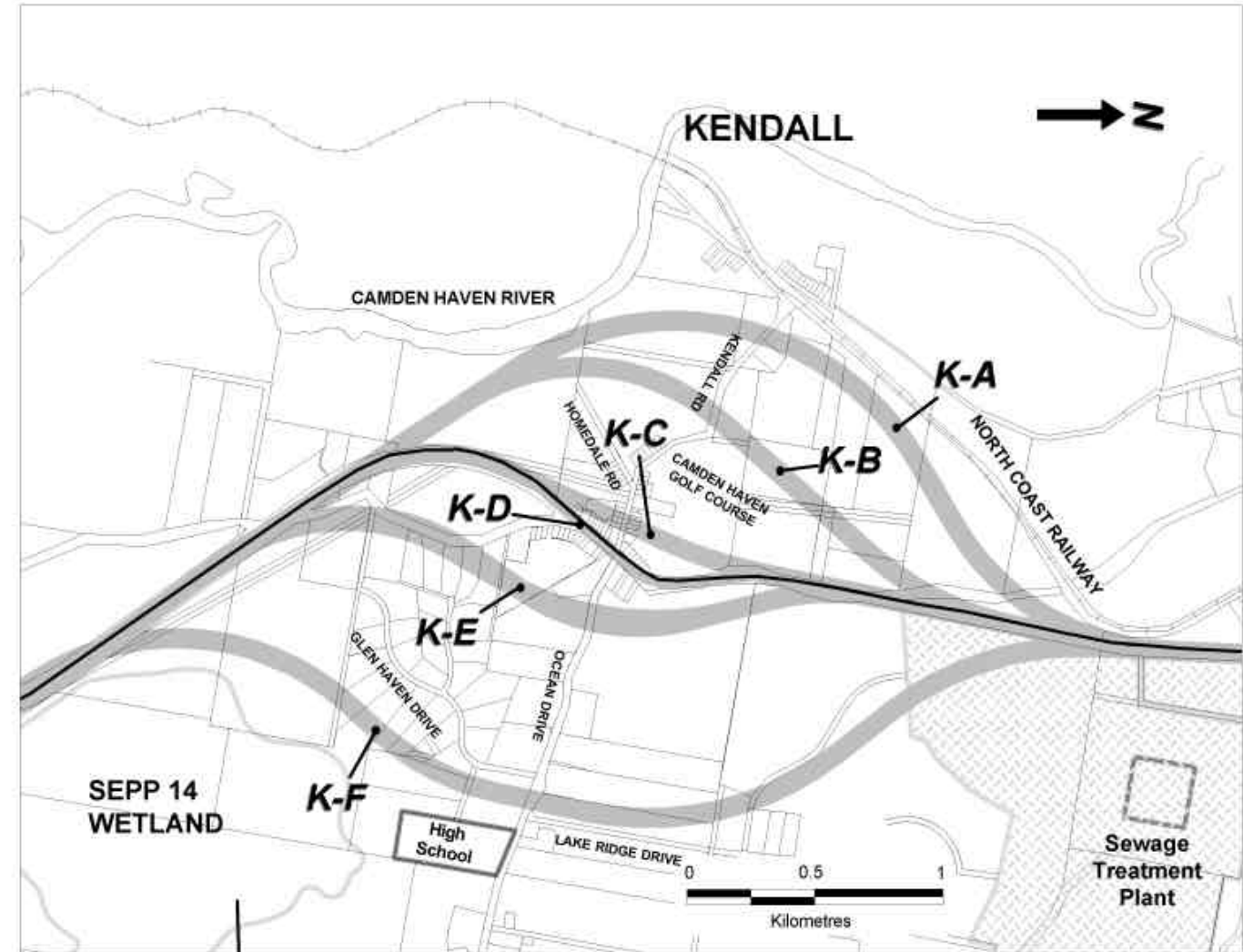
The display material for each option presents:

- ◆ a plan of the option showing the location of the indicative road reserve boundaries, details of the carriageways, interchanges and intersections (including indicative areas of fill, cuttings, access ramps and overpasses), and proposed arrangements for local access.
- ◆ a discussion of the key issues in relation to road safety and efficiency, environmental values, and engineering and construction issues.

Town	Venue	Dates and Times
Kew	Visitor Information Centre Pacific Highway, Kew	9.00am to 5.00pm, 7 days per week *2.00pm to 7.00pm, Friday 11 May 2001 *2.00pm to 7.00pm, Monday 21 May 2001
Johns River	Johns River General Store Pacific Highway, Johns River	9.00am to 5.00pm, 7 days per week *Johns River Market, Saturday 12 May 2001 * 2.00pm to 7.00pm, Tuesday 22 May 2001 at Johns River Community Hall
Laurieton	Laurieton Library Laurie Street, Laurieton	9.30am to 5.00pm, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Saturday
Taree	RTA Motor Registry 7 Macquarie Street, Taree	8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm, Saturday
Port Macquarie	RTA Motor Registry Corner Central Road and Barton Crescent, Port Macquarie	8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm, Saturday
Wauchope	RTA Motor Registry Corner Young and Hastings Streets, Wauchope	8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday 9.00am to 12.30pm, Saturday
Grafton	RTA Pacific Highway Office 21 Prince Street, Grafton	8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday

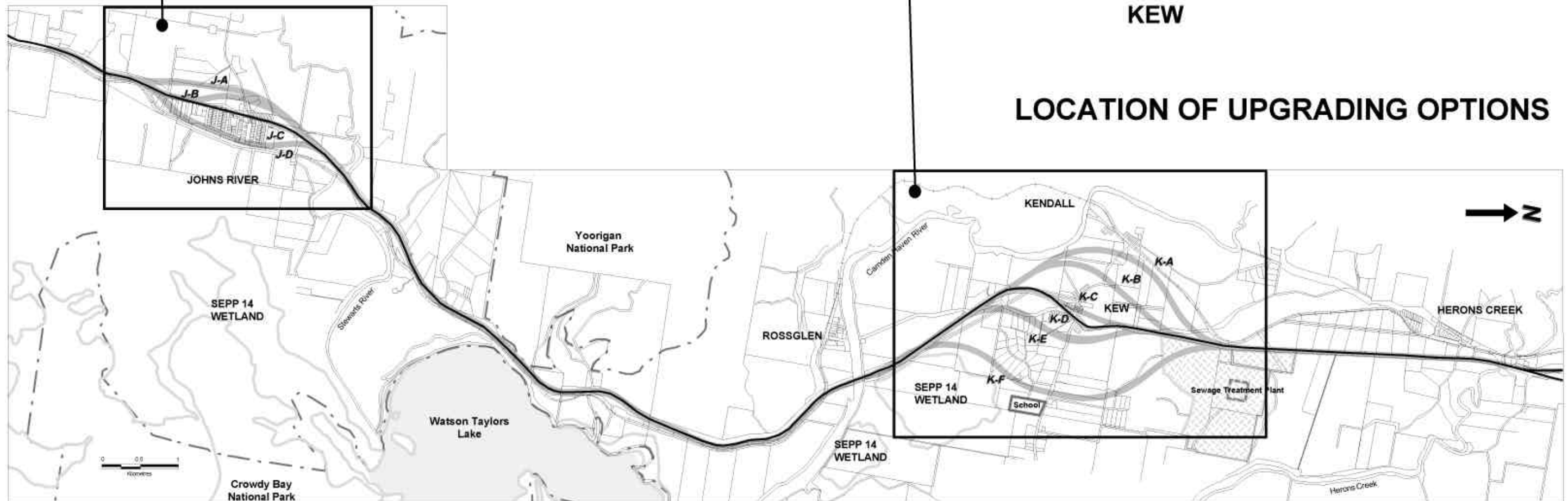


JOHNS RIVER



KEW

LOCATION OF UPGRADING OPTIONS



Comments on upgrade options

Comments from the community on any aspect of the upgrade options are invited and should be sent by 8 June 2001 to:

Community Liaison Manager

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The next steps

Community input will be taken into account in comparing the feasible options as part of determination of the Preferred Route. One or more Value Management Workshops, involving community representatives, together with members of the Project Team and representatives of key government agencies, Councils and other interested organisations, will be conducted to assist in comparing the options.

Once a Preferred Route is determined, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – and Species Impact Statement (SIS) if required – will be prepared together with a preliminary engineering design. The EIS and SIS will be exhibited for public comment.

Community involvement

A comprehensive community involvement program is essential to ensure the best overall outcome for the community. The initial community involvement activities have included:

- ◆ distribution of Community Newsletter No. 1 throughout the study area in October 2000 which provided project information;

- ◆ Community Information Sessions held at Kew and Johns River in October 2000;
- ◆ Community Focus Groups established for the Kew and Johns River areas. Both groups have met twice with the Project Team.

Other opportunities for ongoing community involvement include:

- ◆ the display of the route options announced in this newsletter is a major opportunity for community input. Details of the display venues and times are provided below.
- ◆ a freecall number (1800 353 670) and website (www.arup.com.au/moorland);
- ◆ meetings with individual residents and property owners, community groups and other stakeholders throughout the project area.

Would you like further information?

If you have any questions, need further information on the project or would like to be included on the mailing list to receive further newsletters, please call the project freecall number 1800 353 670 or visit the project website at www.arup.com.au/moorland. You may also contact the Community Liaison Manager (see above) or

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The Project Team welcomes comments from the community at any time throughout the project's development.

Key project contact details

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