



## TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE UPGRADE

### Progress Update – December 2004

*Planning for this project is funded by the NSW State Government.*

This is the first in a series of updates for the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Upgrade. The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has engaged Arup to undertake the development of route options and a concept design for the proposal. The upgrade will provide a high standard dual carriageway road approximately 17km in length linking the northern end of the proposed Ballina Bypass at Tintenbar to the existing dual carriageway at Ewingsdale. It would significantly improve safety and travelling conditions on this section of highway.

#### **Community Input**

Community consultation activities for the proposal commenced with community information sessions held at Bangalow on 12 November, at Ewingsdale on 15 November and at Newrybar on 16 November 2004. The information sessions were held to introduce community members to the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Upgrade project team and to gather input, including an indication of local transport, economic and key social issues that the local community considers important. In total, more than 400 people attended these information sessions. Areas of interest highlighted at the meetings included road safety, road noise, trucks, impacts on agricultural land, access from local roads to the highway, and extent of the study area.

#### **Community Shopfront**

Community shopfronts will be held throughout the project to allow interested individuals further opportunity to provide input into the proposal and speak with members of the team. The first shopfront will be held on Wednesday, 15 December 2004, from 2pm to 5pm, at the Bangalow RSL Memorial Hall. Input received at the community information sessions will be on display at the shopfront.

**Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Upgrade Proposal Update  
Wednesday, 15 December 2004 from 2pm to 5pm  
Bangalow RSL Memorial Hall, Station Street, Bangalow**

#### **Community Liaison Group**

A Community Liaison Group is in the process of being established for the proposal. The first meeting of this group will be held on 15 December 2004. Interested individuals can find out who their designated representatives are by phoning the project information line.

#### **Project Website**

Project information is available for viewing on the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Upgrade website. Go to [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific) (click on Tintenbar to Ewingsdale under the Ballina to Tweed Heads subheading).

**To find out more about the Tintenbar to Ewingsdale Upgrade, contact:**

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