

# Upgrading the Pacific Highway

## Oxley Highway to Kempsey



### Project update - May 2007

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is continuing with investigations to upgrade the Pacific Highway to dual carriageway from the Oxley Highway to Kempsey.

The preferred route was on display for community comment until Friday 13 October 2006.

### Preferred route Bill Hill Road area

The RTA investigated the preferred route in the Bill Hill Road area further to minimise environmental impacts to Cairncross State Forest and adjacent agricultural properties.

The preferred route has now been identified and is shown below.

### Interchange locations

Meetings have been held with members of the community, key stakeholders and Port Macquarie Hastings Council regarding the interchange locations and service roads between Sancrox Road and Blackmans Point Road.

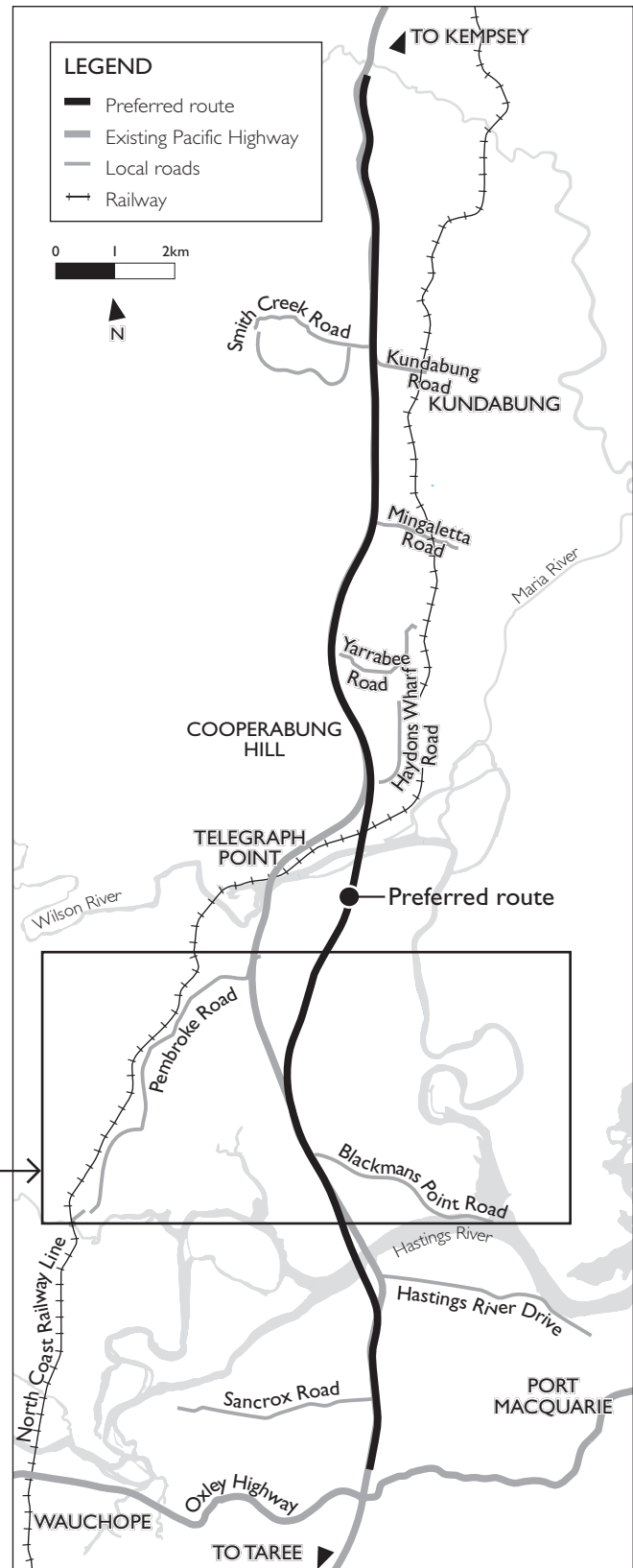
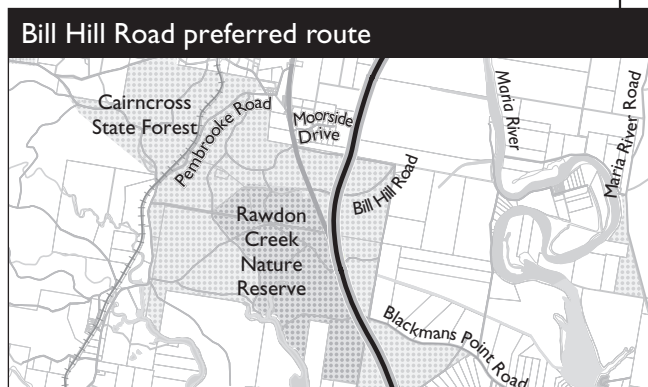
The RTA is currently finalising the interchange locations and a strategy for local or service roads. These will be displayed as part of the concept design.

### What happens next?

The design for the preferred route will be refined and approval of the proposal will be requested under Part3A of the NSW *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979*. The RTA will examine the potential impacts of the preferred route. The refined design and environmental assessment will be displayed for community comment prior to an assessment of the proposal by the Department of Planning and consideration for approval by the NSW Minister for Planning.

### Need more information?

An interactive map on the project website (see details below) shows the preferred route in more detail. The **Preferred Route Report Bill Hill Road Area** is also available on the project website.



For more information contact the project information line 1800 154 724 (toll free) or visit the website [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific) (click on Oxley Highway to Kempsey)