

6. Conclusion

A corridor refinement workshop was conducted on the 28 November 2006, to confirm the preferred route in the northern part of Section B and the southern part of Section C, as well as recommend the preferred route in Section E. The categories each of the feasible route options were assessed against included:

- ▶ Functional;
- ▶ Socio Economic; and
- ▶ Natural and Cultural Environment.

The methodology in the corridor refinement workshop used for assessing the options within the *wider corridor* was similar to that used in the value management workshop in December 2005 and the route selection workshop in March 2006, when determining the preferred route.

Additional ecological studies and engineering analysis was undertaken prior to the workshop, in addition to further public submissions being sought and considered.

The corridor refinement workshop group recommended that the:

- ▶ Refined Orange option in Section B/C be confirmed as the RTA's preferred route alignment within the wider corridor in Section B/C;
- ▶ Combined Blue/Orange option in Section E as the RTA's preferred route within the wider corridor in Section E;
- ▶ Residents previously affected by the wider corridors in Section B, C and E be advised of the refined Orange option in Section B/C, and the combined Blue/Orange option in Section E as the preferred route in each of the wider corridors;
- ▶ Wider public notification of the selection of the refined Orange option in Section B/C and the combined Blue/Orange option in Section E by means of a progress update (flyer) and website update; and,
- ▶ Concept design activities be conducted for the refined Orange option in Section B/C and the combined Blue/Orange option in Section E as part of the Woolgoolga to Wells Crossing Upgrade of the Pacific Highway.

The preferred route in the northern part of Section B and the southern part of Section C is shown in Figure 5.1. The preferred route in Section E is shown in Figure 5.2. The refined preferred route for the full length of the project is shown in Figure 5.3.