

Pacific Highway Upgrade – Wells Crossing to Iluka Road **Program and Project Objectives**

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<i>Significantly reduces road crashes and serious injuries.</i>	 Develop a dual carriageway road with a route target crash rate of a minimum of 15 crashes per 100 MVK over the project length.
	 A concept design for a 100km/hr design speed for the vertical alignment and 110km/hr design speed for the horizontal alignment.
	 No access points between interchanges along the length of the project for Type A Freeway and minimise access points for Type B Freeway sections.
	 A route that can be upgraded to Type A standard in the future (as applicable).
	 Retain or replace existing rest areas within the study area.
Reduced travel times and delay.	 Provide a route that maximises the reduction in travel time for Pacific Highway traffic.
	 Provide intersections designed to at least a Level of Service LOS C, 20 years after opening for the 100th Highest Hourly Volume.
	 Minimise user delay from incidence and road closure on the Highway including from flooding.
	 Reduce delays from holiday congestion.
	 Minimise disruption and delay during construction.
Reduced freight transport costs.	 Provide a route which reduces overall freight transport costs of trucks using the Highway.
	 A route that meets or exceeds B-Double requirements.

A community satisfied	 Develop a project that meets the objectives of
with the physical	the Community and Stakeholders Involvement
development of the route.	Plan and specifically the Criteria for Successful
	Projects.
	Minimise the physical and traffic impacts of the
	route such as traffic noise levels, intrusion,
	community severance and access patterns.
	 Minimises the physical impacts on heritage (indigenous and non-indigenous) sites.
	 Provide transport developments which are complementary with land use.
	 Maintain access to affected properties and land during construction.
	 Upgrade and improve the existing highway
	where it is retained as part of the Project.
A route that supports economic development.	 Maintain accessibility for local industries to
	regional and interstate markets.
	 Maintain access to local and regional centres of economic importance.
	 Minimise the impacts on business/service facilities
	dependent on Pacific Highway traffic.
	 Provide a flood immunity on at least one
	carriageway between 1% AEP (target) and 20% AEP (absolute minimum).
Reconstruction of the route managed in accordance with	 Minimises the effects on sensitive habitats.
	 Minimise the effects on native vegetation.
ecologically sustainable	• A route that minimises impacts on National Parks.
development principles.	 A route which satisfies the principles of ESD.
Maximum effectiveness of expenditure.	Minimise the Whole of Life Costs of the project.
	 Maximise the use of the existing road reserve for
	duplicated sections of the project where possible.
	Benefit Cost Ratio of greater of 2.
	Expenditure supports NSW State Government and Clarence Valley Council development policies
	Clarence Valley Council development policies.