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Pacific Highway - Glenugie to Tyndale

Community update

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Existing Pacific Highway just north of Ulmarra, looking south

The Australian and NSW governments are investing in major improvements to the road network in our region.

The Pacific Highway upgrade from Woolgoolga to Ballina is on track for completion in 2020, weather permitting. This is the final link in a 657 kilometre project to upgrade the highway to dual carriageway that was started in 1996.

The upgraded highway will provide safer, more reliable travel and improved transport efficiency while improving amenity for local communities.

This update provides important information about upcoming changes to routes and road names in our region.

Upgraded highway bypasses South Grafton and Ulmarra

From the south, the upgraded Pacific Highway diverts from the existing highway at Glenugie and follows a more easterly route, through Pillar Valley and past Tucabia, before re-joining the existing highway north of Tyndale.

South Grafton and Ulmarra will be bypassed by the upgraded highway, and residents in these towns can expect a significant reduction in the volume of passing traffic.

The bypassed section of the existing Pacific Highway between Glenugie and Tyndale will be renamed to make it easier for emergency and postal services and visitors to find their way around the region.

Travel distances and times



Maintaining state route connectivity

Between Glenugie and Tyndale, the existing Pacific Highway will continue to be classified as a State Road, under the management of Roads and Maritime Services. As a formality, and to retain the connectivity of the State Road network, we will be extending the existing State Roads from South Grafton through to the interchanges with the upgraded highway at Glenugie and Tyndale.

Maintaining links between the upgraded highway and connecting routes will help long distance travellers and will also benefit the local community through the delivery of regular road maintenance and improvement activities.

For the benefit of the local community, the existing Pacific Highway will be given a local road name

Communities along the existing highway between Glenugie and Tyndale will be connected by a single new road name.

The new road name will be used for addressing and feature on directional signage, providing a new identity for these communities.

Giving this section of the existing highway a new name also benefits postal, transport and emergency services that rely on easily identified addressing to avoid confusion or delays.

Have your say

Following early discussions about the proposal in 2018 we received significant community interest in the naming of the existing highway.

We'd like to hear your suggestions for a local road name and a feedback form is included at the back of this update.

To provide your feedback, complete this form, tear off and send back to us by **Friday 30 August**.

Selecting a new local road name

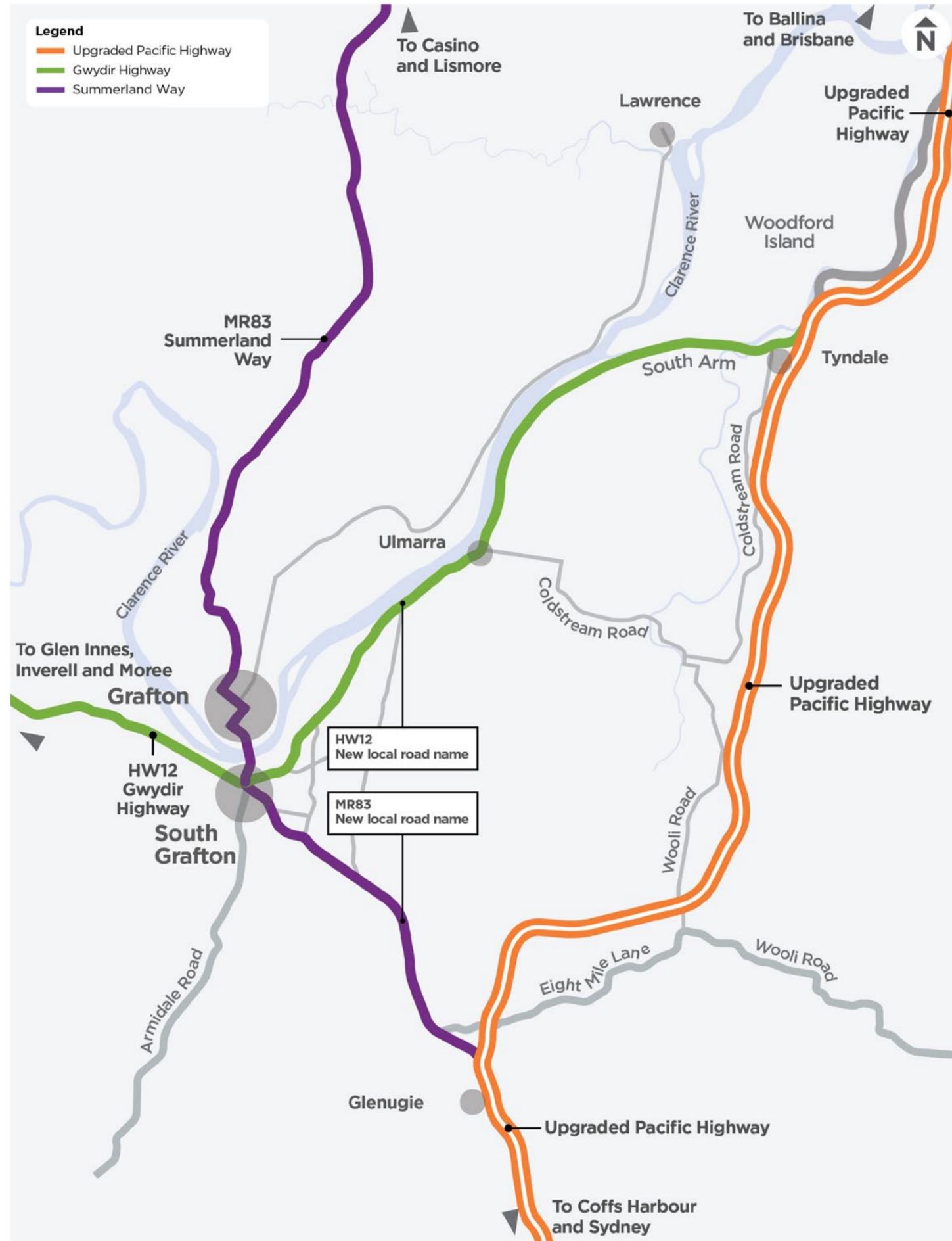
All local road name suggestions received during the feedback period will be provided to Clarence Valley Council for consideration.

Council will then recommend a new local road name to the NSW Geographical Names Board for approval.

The Geographical Names Board is the authority on road naming and provides criteria that proposed road names must meet to be eligible for consideration.

The criteria is included on the feedback form at the back of this update.

State road routes and local road to be named



Timeline for renaming Pacific Highway - Glenugie to Tyndale

Main construction work started on Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade 2015

Community feedback opens for local road name between Glenugie and Tyndale

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Community feedback closes - Friday 30 August 2019

Community feedback provided to Clarence Valley Council for consideration. Recommendation provided to Geographical Names Board - September 2019

NSW Geographical Name Board review and approve new road name - September 2019

Gazettal notice published and residents formally advised of new road name - late 2019

Upgraded Pacific Highway opens to traffic, weather permitting, and new road name comes into effect 2020

Announcement of new road names

A new road name will be announced in the second part of the year, although the change won't come into effect until the upgraded highway opens in 2020, weather permitting.

Once approved, the new local road name will be published in the NSW Government Gazette, local newspapers and owners of property affected by the changes will receive a letter from Clarence Valley Council with formal notification of their new address.

Assistance for affected residents

Clarence Valley Council will provide new address information to Australia Post, Australian Electoral Commission, Australian Taxation Office and emergency services.

Residents will need to share new address information with family, friends and other providers such as financial institutions, telephone service providers and other subscriber services. Help is available for residents online at www.service.nsw.gov.au/moving-house or by contacting Service NSW on **13 77 88**.

Between Glenugie and Tyndale, the existing Pacific Highway will continue to be a key in the state road network that connects communities across the region.

New interchanges at Glenugie and Tyndale

Two new interchanges will provide motorists with access to the upgraded Pacific Highway at Glenugie and Tyndale.

Split interchanges allow motorists to travel in either direction and provide for safer, higher-speed access on and off the upgraded highway. Traffic modelling during the design phase showed most vehicles will be travelling to and from the south at Glenugie, and to and from the north at Tyndale and the interchanges have been designed to accommodate for these dominant traffic flows.

The Glenugie interchange (south) will be built near the existing Pacific Highway at Glenugie and the Glenugie interchange (north) is at Eight Mile Lane, Glenugie.

The Tyndale interchange (north) will be built near Bondi Hill Road and the Tyndale interchange (south) will be built near Bensons Lane, Tyndale.

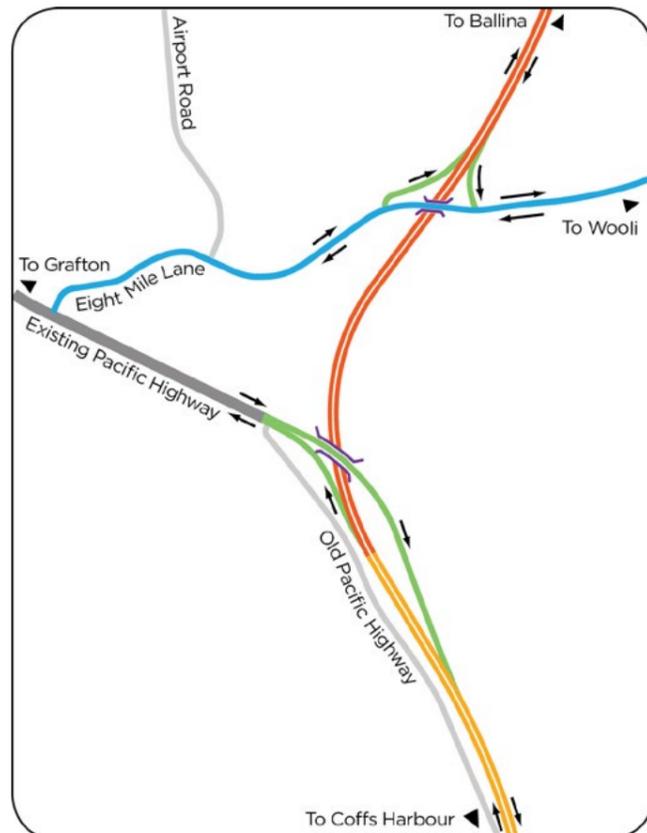
Glenugie interchange

Motorists travelling between Grafton and Coffs Harbour will use the Glenugie (south) on and off ramps to move between the existing and upgraded highway.

Eight Mile Lane will be used to access the Glenugie (north) on and off ramps. Motorists will be able to use this route to travel from Grafton to Tyndale, as an alternative to using the old Pacific Highway to travel north from Grafton and join the upgraded Pacific Highway at Tyndale.

Travelling from South Grafton to Tyndale via Eight Mile Lane and the Glenugie (north) interchange is 14 kilometres longer and is expected to take approximately 10 minutes extra travel time.

Glenugie interchange detail



Eight Mile Lane access for heavy vehicles

Eight Mile Lane is currently classified for B-doubles no longer than 19 metres in length. The road design for this section of local road does not permit B-doubles longer than 19 metres to travel on the road.

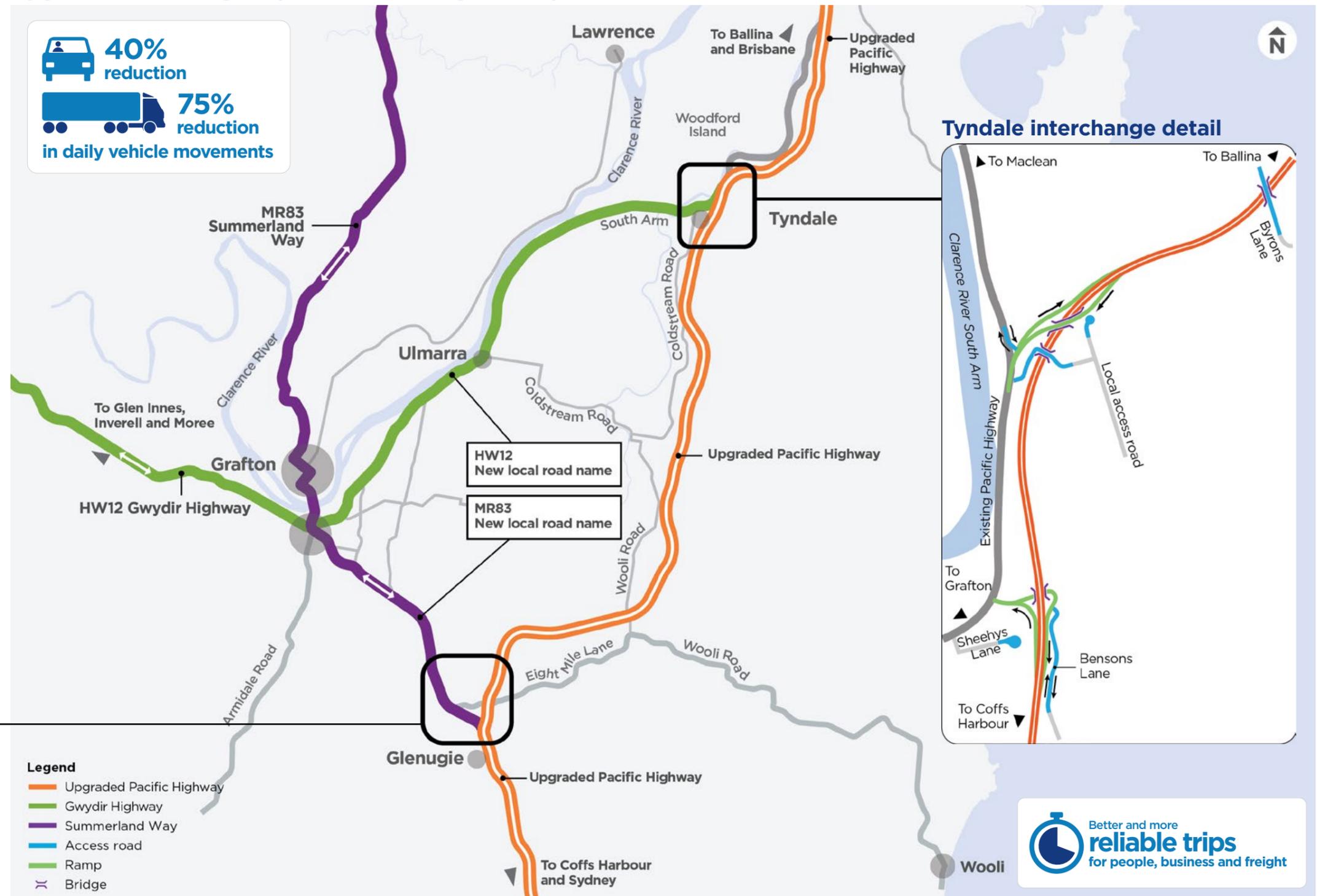
We are currently consulting with the heavy vehicle industry to better understand how this road would be used when the upgraded highway is open to traffic.

Tyndale interchange

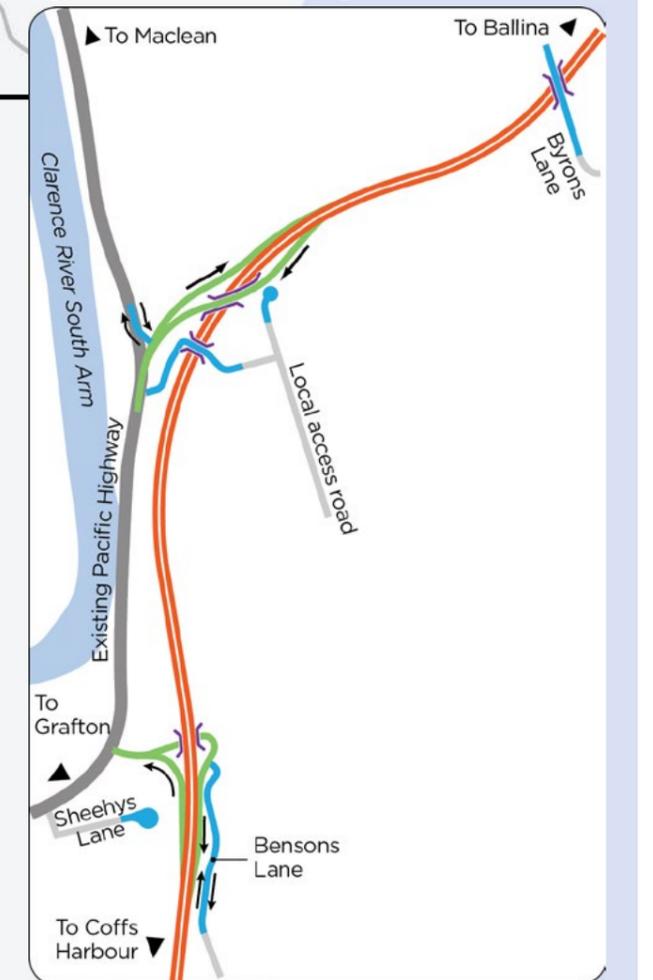
At Tyndale interchange, motorists can access the upgraded highway to travel either north towards Brisbane, using the Tyndale (north) on and off ramps, or south towards Glenugie at the Tyndale (south) on and off ramps.

While motorists travelling to Maclean from Grafton will be able to continue on the existing Pacific Highway north of Tyndale, accessing the upgraded highway from the Tyndale interchange will provide a faster and safer journey between these two destinations.

Upgraded Pacific Highway between Glenugie and Tyndale



Tyndale interchange detail



We have started planning for the future

As a State Road, the section of highway between Glenugie and Tyndale will receive regular maintenance as part of Roads and Maritime's routine maintenance schedule.

In addition, we are currently developing a safer asset strategy that sets out the priorities for future safety improvements and upgrades for this road.

Detailed design and planning will be carried out before work starts. We will wait until the upgraded highway is opened before making these improvements to minimise disruptions to traffic.

As regular users of this road, we want your input to help us shape this strategy and define our improvement priorities

We'd like to hear from you

Please write to our project team at PO Box 546, Grafton NSW 2460 by **Friday 30 August, 2019** to share your suggestions about the improvements for the existing Pacific Highway between Glenugie and Tyndale.



Looking north west towards the southern entry to Ulmarra



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