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The Australian and NSW governments are funding the 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project. The bypass will boost the regional economy and improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

Once complete, the Coffs Harbour bypass will save motorists more than 12 minutes in travel time, bypass up to 12 sets of traffic lights and remove about 12,000 vehicles a day from the centre of town, making Coffs Harbour an even better place to live, work and visit.

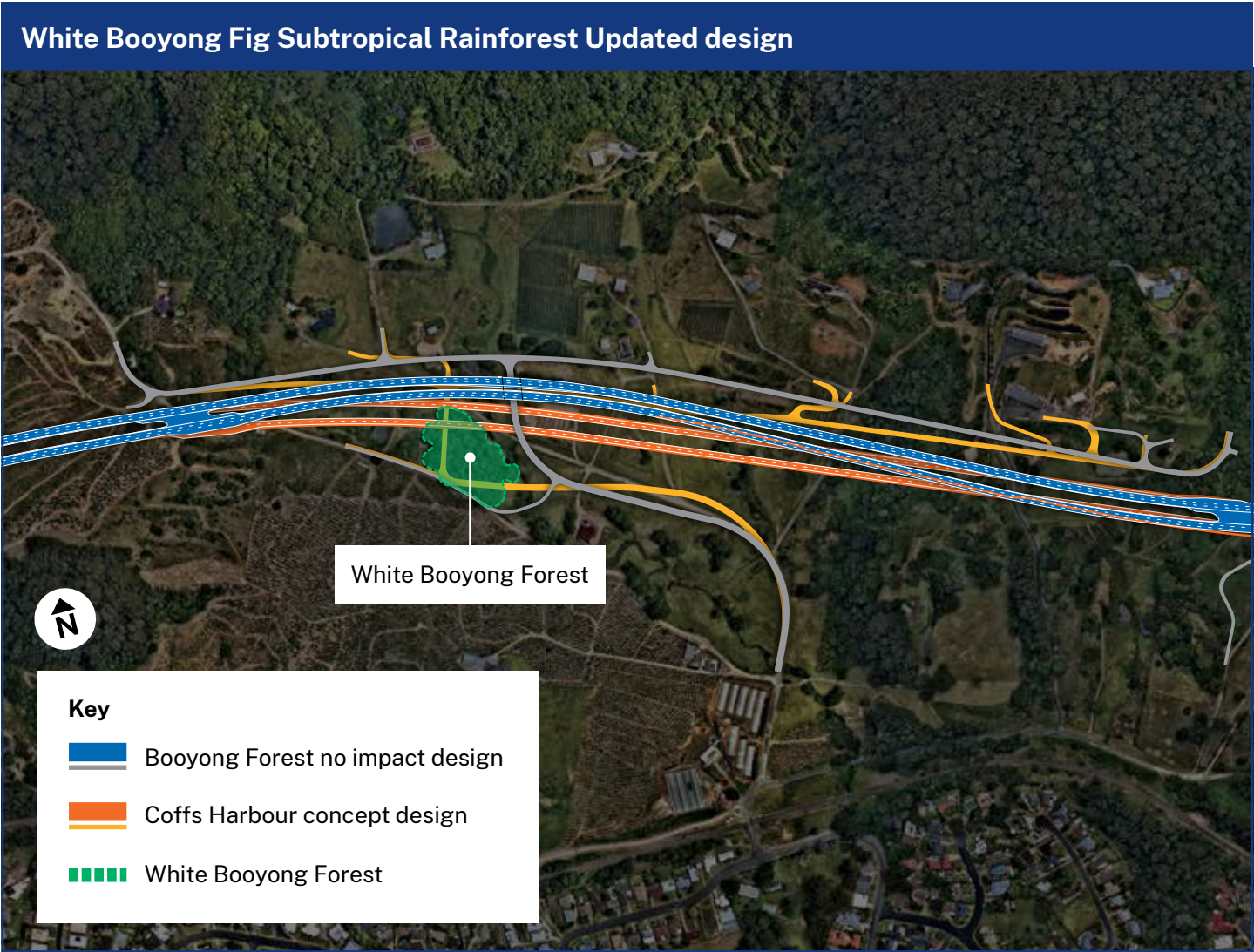
Refined design of White Booyong Fig Subtropical Rainforest (Grandpa's Scrub)

In response to community feedback, we have investigated design refinements to mitigate impacts to the White Booyong Fig Subtropical Rainforest (Grandpa's scrub). The changes will move the alignment north and save 100 per cent of the remnant rainforest.

The optimised design also means squeezing the carriageways closer together and moving the Mackays Road underpass north, away from the forest, thereby adjusting the footprint of the motorway to avoid the remnant rainforest.

Transport for NSW is still committed to protect more than 300 hectares of natural habitat through biodiversity offsets on the Coffs Harbour bypass project. Transport will protect more than five times the required offsets for White Booyong Fig (Grandpa's Scrub) rainforest. These offsets include the Coffs Basin adjacent to the alignment and Upper Kalang. Together these offsets and the measures to save Grandpa's Scrub are very positive measures for the environment around the bypass and Coffs Harbour more generally.

Transport is investigating the possibility of expanding the rainforest downstream along areas of Treefern Creek, which have been deforested. This could result in tripling the size of the remnant forest. We will update the community once this is finalised.



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