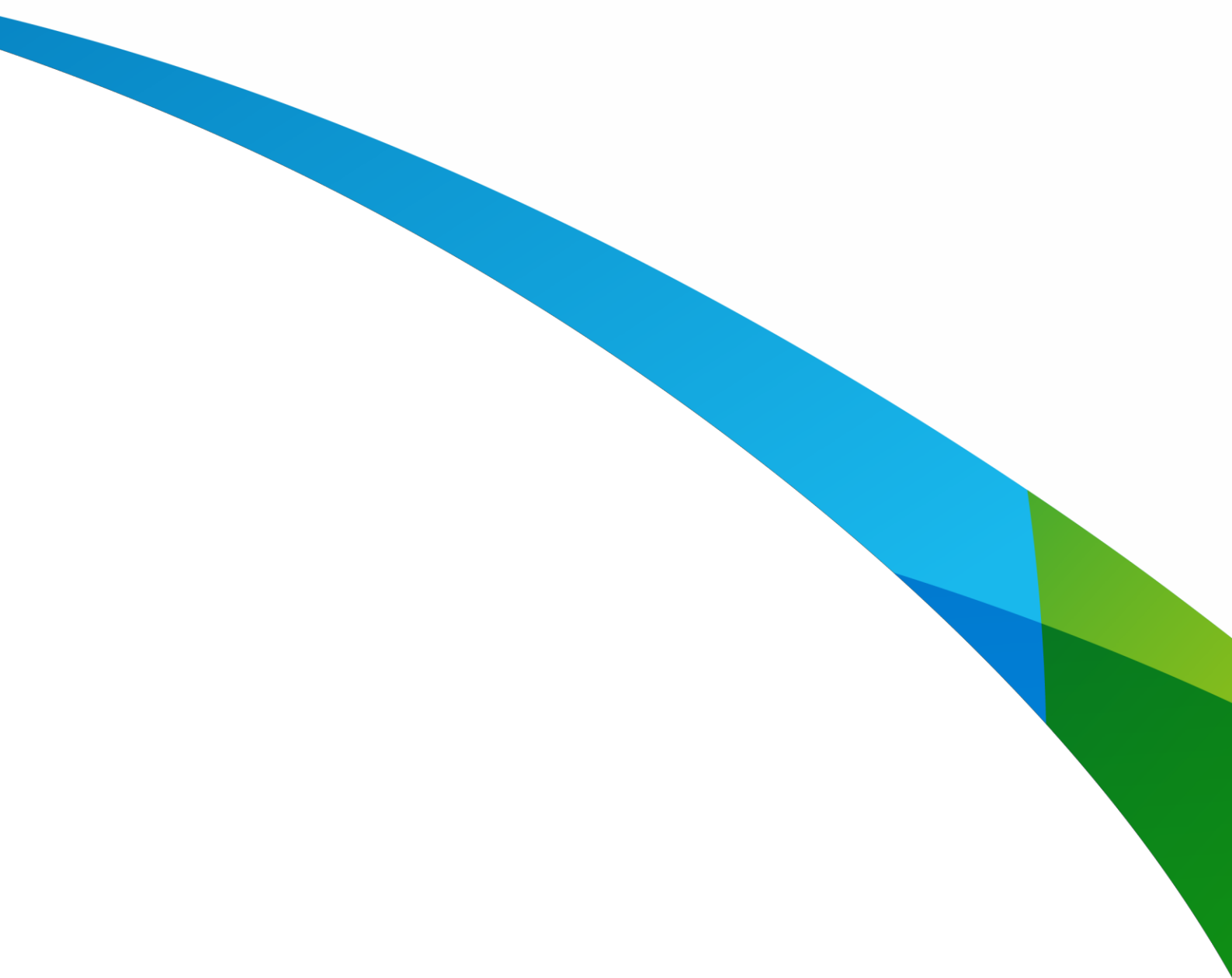


**Denmark Link Road
Between Garfield Road West, Riverstone and
Westminster Street Bridge, Schofields**

Community Consultation Report

January 2017



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Executive summary

The NSW Government is proposing to build a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road, Riverstone to the Westminster Street Bridge, Schofields. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy. This strategy was confirmed in July 2015.

The short-term work aims to improve traffic flow around the Riverstone Town Centre. These upgrades would help to address expected future congestion on the overall road network, including Garfield Road and around the existing railway level crossing at Riverstone.

Currently the Westminster Street Bridge (a two lane local road) is the only grade-separated rail crossing of the Richmond railway line in the North West Priority Land Release Area (NWPLRA). The Westminster Street Bridge is a popular route for local motorists crossing the railway line.

Denmark Link Road would provide an alternative local road connection for light vehicles to avoid the need to enter the Riverstone Town Centre. It would also provide an alternative connection to the Westminster Street Bridge for local motorists should traffic delays occur around the Garfield Road railway level crossing at Riverstone.

Roads and Maritime Services sought feedback on the proposed Denmark Link Road in November and December 2015 and this Community Consultation Report provides a summary of the key issues raised during the display period.

During the consultation approximately 17,000 community updates were delivered to properties. In December 2015, two community information sessions were held in Riverstone and Marsden Park North. Project information was also available on the Roads and Maritime website page – www.rms.nsw.gov.au/nwplra.

During the consultation period, Roads and Maritime received 18 submissions. These submissions have been considered by Roads and Maritime and responses to this feedback have been outlined within this report.

Key issues raised include:

- Current traffic congestion and delay times for motorists around Garfield Road railway level crossing
- Traffic changes and impacts for motorists around the Westminster Street Bridge
- Heavy vehicles using the Denmark Link Road
- Request for alternative design solutions and use of existing road networks
- Concern about potential impacts on property and the environment
- Concern about access to the Riverstone Trotting Track
- Impact to local businesses in Riverstone Town Centre

Way forward

Roads and Maritime has carefully considered all the submissions received from the community and decided to proceed with planning for the preferred corridor that was displayed in November and December 2015. Roads and Maritime will now develop the project to concept design and environmental assessment, where there will be another round of community consultation.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Garfield Road is an existing main road, managed by Roads and Maritime Services, providing the only direct link between Richmond Road and Windsor Road via the Richmond railway line level crossing at Riverstone. For its design and capacity, Garfield Road carries a high volume of traffic, with a large number being heavy vehicles (about 23 per cent). The traffic converges on the Richmond railway line level crossing in Riverstone leading to congestion and long delays during the morning and afternoon peak periods as well as at other times of the day.

Safeguards and management measures can mitigate against these delays that are expected with the increased development of the North West Priority Land Release Area.

The NSW Government is planning the Denmark Link Road between the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road, Riverstone to the Westminster Street Bridge, Schofields. The Denmark Link Road would alleviate traffic congestion along Garfield Road West around the railway level crossing at Riverstone. This road would provide an alternative local connection for light vehicles to cross the Richmond railway line and avoid the need to enter Riverstone Town Centre unnecessarily. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.

In 2015 a number of corridor options were developed and an assessment was carried out with key stakeholders to select a preferred option. The preferred option would provide a link road from Garfield Road West, Riverstone via Denmark Road intersection to West Parade. West Parade would be extended to the Westminster Street Bridge, Schofields. The proposal would allow road users (excluding heavy vehicles) to connect to new traffic lights at the Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection.

An Options Report has been prepared detailing the process carried out in the selection of the preferred option. This report is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-west/north-west-growth-centre-strategy/denmark-link-road-options-report-1511.pdf>.

More detailed information on the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy and its planned delivery stages can be found on the project web page; www.rms.nsw.gov.au/nwplra

1.2 The proposal

Roads and Maritime has developed a preferred route for the proposed new Denmark Link Road, which would provide an alternative connection for light vehicles between Riverstone and Schofields.

The preferred option would reduce congestion and delays that are currently being experienced at the Garfield Road railway level crossing at Riverstone and provide an alternative local road connection for road users wanting to use the Westminster Street Bridge.

The preferred option is a two lane local road with a footpath on one side. The proposal includes:

- A new right-turn bay along Garfield Road West for traffic waiting to enter Denmark Road at Riverstone
- Improvements to the existing Denmark Road
- A new link road between Denmark Road and West Parade
- New intersections at Carlton Street and West Parade
- Extension of West Parade to connect near the Westminster Street Bridge at Schofields.

The location of this proposed upgrade is shown in Figure 1 below.



Figure 1 Proposed Denmark Link Road preferred option

2. Consultation approach

2.1 Consultation objectives

The proposed Denmark Link Road corridor was on display for community comment from Thursday 19 November to Friday 18 December 2015.

The purpose of the community consultation was to:

- Inform community members and stakeholders about the proposed Denmark Link Road preferred corridor option
- Provide information about the project development and approval process
- Seek comment, feedback, ideas, and suggestions from the community to be considered prior to developing a concept design
- Provide an opportunity for the community to meet with the project team to ask questions and provide feedback on the preferred option
- Build a database of community members and stakeholders for Roads and Maritime to engage with through the development of the Denmark Link Road project.

2.2 Values

Our values underpin our decisions and behaviours when working with customers, colleagues, stakeholders.

- **Customer focus** - We place the customer at the centre of everything we do
- **Collaboration** - We value each other and create better outcomes by working together
- **Solutions** - We deliver sustainable and innovative solutions to NSW's transport needs
- **Integrity** - We take responsibility and communicate openly
- **Safety** - We prioritise safety for our people and our customers.

2.3 Method of Consultation

There were a number of events and activities conducted during the consultation period to give the community a chance to learn more about the Denmark Link Road project, meet the project team, and have their say. Key consultation tools, events and activities are identified on the next page.

Community members were encouraged to provide feedback, leave comments and make submissions at the information sessions or via mail, email or phone contact with the project team. The community was able to contact Roads and Maritime and leave comments and submissions by:

Email	RiverstoneNWGC@rms.nsw.gov.au
Phone	1300 367 561
Mail	Riverstone NWGC, PO Box 973 Parramatta NSW 2124

Media Release	A media release was distributed to all major Sydney metropolitan and north west Sydney publications on 19 November 2015 (Appendix D). The media release issued by Duncan Gay, Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight was titled <i>Major progress on north west road projects</i> .
Community update	<p>“Denmark Link Road – Have your say” (November 2015) delivered to approximately 17,000 properties. Distribution area (shown in Appendix B) included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Riverstone ○ Schofields ○ Vineyard ○ Rouse Hill ○ The Ponds ○ Oakville ○ Box Hill ○ Annangrove. <p>The community update (Appendix A) was also mailed to emergency service organisations, schools and universities, large businesses, religious centres and community groups in the local area.</p>
Door knock	<p>At the beginning of the consultation period, properties were door knocked for the proposed Denmark Link Road project. The purpose was to notify potentially impacted owners/occupants of the proposed project and promote the upcoming community information sessions. The community update newsletter was left with each property owner/occupant and if no one was home, a ‘Sorry we missed you’ flyer was left.</p> <p>The door knock on 20 November 2015 focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denmark Road • Creek Street • Carlton Street • West Parade (south of Trevithick Street).
Webpage	The project webpage was updated on 19 November 2015 with the latest project information including the community update.
Stakeholder briefings	Department of Planning and Environment, Blacktown City Council and Transport for NSW were involved in the development of the project and attended the Value Management Workshop, project team meetings and community information sessions.
Community information sessions	<p>Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre Wednesday 2 December 2015 from 5pm to 8pm</p> <p>Marsden Park Public School Saturday 5 December 2015 from 2pm to 5pm</p>
Static community displays	<p>Riverstone Library</p> <p>Blacktown City Council</p>

Email	<p>On 26 November 2015 direct emails were sent from Roads and Maritime to stakeholders (community members and groups identified during previous community information sessions and emails sent to RiverstoneNWGC@rms.nsw.gov.au), businesses and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the consultation and information sessions.</p>
Newspaper advertisements	<p>Six newspaper advertisements appeared in local newspapers between 17 and 25 November 2015 to raise awareness of the consultation and information sessions (Appendix C).</p> <p>Publication and appearance dates included:</p> <p>Hawkesbury Gazette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18 November 2015 • Wednesday 25 November 2015 <p>Rouse Hill Times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 18 November 2015 • Wednesday 25 November 2015 <p>Blacktown Sun</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday 17 November 2015 • Tuesday 24 November 2015

3. Consultation summary

3.1 Overview

Roads and Maritime received 18 written submissions covering 12 key issue categories:

- Traffic delay and congestion
- Increase in traffic at the Westminster Street Bridge
- Location of Denmark Link Road
- Environment
- Heavy vehicles
- Increased traffic
- Property impacts
- Social impacts
- Design change requests
- Request for information
- Other North West Priority Land Release Area projects
- Project support.

From these submissions seven respondents requested design change by either upgrading existing routes or exploring alternative solutions. There were three people who supported the proposal as proposed and one neutral submission was received that requested more information.

The following table lists all items raised by community members and stakeholders during the consultation period as well as the initial responses from Roads and Maritime to each item raised.

Feedback summary and Roads and Maritime response

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
Traffic management	Congestion	Build the Garfield Road grade separated railway crossing to allow for traffic to continue to travel through the Riverstone main street area	The grade separated crossing at Riverstone is proposed as part of the long term work under the North West Growth Centre Roads Network Strategy. It is expected the delivery of this project would be considered when about 75 per cent of the proposed development in the North West Priority Land Release Area has taken place.
		<p>The installation of the traffic lights at Garfield Road railway level crossing is the cause of the congestion. This project is a bypass to avoid these lights.</p> <p>Has the extended phasing of traffic lights at the Garfield Road railway crossing favoured the flow of east/west traffic in peak times?</p>	<p>Noted. Denmark Link Road would provide an alternative connection for local traffic to cross the Richmond railway line at Riverstone.</p> <p>Roads and Maritime would review the phasing of the traffic lights at Garfield Road railway level crossing.</p>
		<p>Concerned this will not reduce congestion on Garfield Road at the level crossing.</p> <p>Traffic congestion at the Garfield Road intersection is due to the rail crossing and train times. The traffic study looked at vehicles along Garfield Road West, East and the Westminster Street Bridge and may not have accounted for traffic from other areas. Denmark Link Road may not reduce traffic at the Garfield Road intersection.</p>	<p>Traffic studies undertaken by Roads and Maritime in 2014 and 2015 found that traffic congestion at the Garfield Road railway level crossing would reduce once motorists are able to use the Denmark Link Road.</p> <p>The Denmark Link Road is expected to improve the traffic flows within the Riverstone Town Centre by providing light vehicles with an alternative local road connection to cross the Richmond railway line and avoid the need to enter the Riverstone Town Centre.</p>

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
	Increased traffic	Concerned there might be additional traffic impacts on the Westminster Street Bridge during peak traffic times and the proposed traffic lights will not alleviate this due to new housing development and proposed extension of West Parade.	The use of traffic lights at the Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection would assist with providing efficient traffic flow in all directions at this intersection. Traffic studies carried out by Roads and Maritime indicate that Denmark Link Road and traffic lights at Westminster Street when completed would meet traffic requirements.
	Westminster Street	Concerned about more traffic using Westminster Street. Building Denmark Link Road will mean motorists will use it more to access Windsor Road. Westminster Street would not be suitable for the increase in traffic.	Denmark Link Road would provide an alternative connection for light vehicle local traffic. When completed, Schofields Road would provide a direct east-west connection between Windsor Road and Richmond Road. Schofields Road Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road is currently under construction and expected to be completed in early 2017. Schofields Road Stage 3 between Veron Road and Richmond Road is expected to be completed in late 2018. Schofields Road upgrade is expected to be completed before the Denmark Link Road
		<p>Would traffic signals at Westminster Street be installed prior to the Denmark Link Road being considered</p> <p>Need for additional traffic control on the Bridge Street side of the Westminster Street Bridge.</p> <p>The link to the Westminster Street Bridge would increase the traffic queues in both directions at the intersection.</p>	<p>Roads and Maritime has finished construction of traffic lights at the intersection of Westminster Street and Railway Terrace.</p> <p>Any additional traffic control would be investigated as part of the Denmark Link Road concept design phase.</p> <p>Since the traffic lights at the intersection of Westminster Street and Railway Terrace became operational, there has been improvements for vehicles travelling across the Richmond railway line.</p>
	Other	Concerned about shifting the traffic congestion and issues to another community or area - which might create congestion for other residents.	Roads and Maritime are seeking to provide road users with an alternative connection between Garfield Road West and the Westminster Street Bridge. This is one of the upgrades within the NWGC Road Network Strategy being considered in the short term to provide improved traffic flows around Riverstone and the Westminster Street Bridge.

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
Environmental impacts	Air and noise pollution	Concern that the construction process will potentially damage and pollute the surrounding environment.	Roads and Maritime will identify strategies to minimise environmental construction impacts including noise and dust during the preparation of the environmental assessment. The environmental assessment is planned to be on public display in 2017.
		Construction of the Denmark Link Road would cause noise and dust pollution for local residents.	
	Rubbish disposal	A new road opened in the area might encourage illegal rubbish dumping and adversely impact the environment.	Any dumping of rubbish along road sides is illegal and should be reported to Blacktown City Council.
	Heavy vehicle noise and air pollution	Riverstone is an industrial area, heavy vehicles may use the Denmark Link Road contributing to noise and dust.	Denmark Link Road would be a 5 tonne load limited local road with advisory signage and would not be a B-double route.
		Concern about increase of heavy vehicles (Denmark Road is not a B-double route.)	
Property	Property impacts	Denmark Link Road will impact our property by dividing it in two, impacting our irrigation connection to the dam (important for farm purposes), impacting our livestock, impacting our dwelling; and a new house yet to be developed.	<p>The concern of the property owner is acknowledged.</p> <p>In the planning of infrastructure projects, Roads and Maritime actively seeks to avoid or minimise potential impacts to private property where reasonable and practical.</p> <p>When the impacts to individual properties are better known, Roads and Maritime would meet with impacted property owners to discuss their circumstances and consider suggestions.</p>
		Concern that Denmark Link Road will be too close to the location of the new house and have adverse construction and safety impacts. Request to move the road a few metres to the south towards the middle of the property.	
Businesses	Business impacts	Concerned there may be impacts (such as loss of customers) to local businesses in the Riverstone Town Centre and area.	<p>Roads and Maritime will undertake an assessment of potential impacts on local businesses as part of the environmental assessment for the project.</p> <p>As part of the assessment, Roads and Maritime will meet with local businesses which may include property owners, business owners or other stakeholders with interests (such as lessees) and discuss their concerns.</p>

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
Design	Alternative route solutions	Concerned there is no strong justification for the Denmark Link Road proposal and alternative solutions using the existing Carnarvon Road should be explored.	<p>The Denmark Link Road is part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy short-term work to improve traffic flows within the Riverstone area. Traffic analysis undertaken in 2014 and 2015 identified that during peak hours, traffic would queue along Garfield Road West to Denmark Road. The Denmark Link Road would alleviate the traffic congestion along Garfield Road West and around the Riverstone Town Centre. The Denmark Link Road would provide an alternative local connection for light vehicles to cross the Richmond railway line.</p> <p>Denmark Link Road is approximately 900 metres away from Carnarvon Road. Providing the Denmark Link Road would allow light vehicles with an alternative route that would avoid the need to backtrack to Carnarvon Road when congestion occurs around the Garfield Road railway level crossing.</p>
		Suggest a better solution to use the existing road from Carlton Street to West Parade.	Carlton Street to West Parade has been investigated and compared with other alternatives. Carlton Street is only 130 metres away from the existing Garfield Road railway level crossing at Riverstone.
		Suggests money is alternatively spent to improve the road in the area of the Eastern Creek Bridge on Grange Avenue and the bend of Carnarvon Road.	Traffic analysis undertaken in 2014 and 2015 identified that traffic queues would back up along Garfield Road West, past Carlton Street to around Denmark Road for vehicles waiting to cross the Garfield Road railway level crossing during peak periods. Denmark Link Road would provide an alternative local connection for motorists to cross the Richmond railway line. The Denmark Link Road would provide a local connection that is close to the Garfield Road railway level crossing where traffic congestion currently occurs.
		Suggest a better use of funding would be to improve the quality of Grange Avenue and Carnarvon Road	<p>It was found Denmark Link Road is the most suitable option, providing benefits by reducing some congestion along Garfield Road during peak periods. The comparison of the alternative routes can be found within the Denmark Link Road Options</p>

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
			Report at http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-west/north-west-growth-centre-strategy/denmark-link-road-options-report-1511.pdf .
Other	Location of Link Road	There is insufficient technical information to support the project.	The Denmark Link Road Options Report details the process undertaken to select the preferred option and is available from the Roads and Maritime website at http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-west/north-west-growth-centre-strategy/denmark-link-road-options-report-1511.pdf . Further investigations will be undertaken as part of the concept design phase.
	Impact on the Riverstone Trotting Track	Denmark Link Road could impact race horses that are stabled and moving around the Riverstone Trotting Track.	The feedback regarding the potential impacts to the Riverstone Trotting Track is acknowledged. Roads and Maritime will take this into consideration in the concept design phase. In the planning of infrastructure projects, Roads and Maritime actively seeks to avoid or minimise potential impacts where reasonable and practical. This includes potential impacts to recreational facilities and businesses. Roads and Maritime will continue to discuss with the local community their issues regarding the movement of horses within the area, including activities within the Riverstone Trotting Track, and will take reasonable and feasible measures to mitigate impact where possible.
	Project support	Support for the Denmark Link Road proposal as it will reduce traffic congestion and create better connectivity.	Roads and Maritime appreciates the feedback.

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
		This project is supported (needed) due to the traffic numbers at the Westminster Street Bridge.	
	Request for information	Request for technical design information such as traffic modelling, impacts on the existing local and state roads, impacts on the current and future developments in Riverstone and geometric layout of Denmark Link Road.	The project is in the early stages of development. The next step for the project is to undertake the concept design and environmental assessment. There will be more information available for community consultation and feedback during these stages.
		Request for Blacktown City Council's position on the proposal.	Roads and Maritime is working with Blacktown City Council to develop the Denmark Link Road project. For Council's considerations on the project, please contact Council directly.
		Response to previous submission for proposed traffic control signals at intersection of Westminster Street / Railway Terrace	Submissions made during the consultation for the proposed traffic lights for Westminster Street and Railway Terrace were considered by Roads and Maritime. The Community Consultation Report for the Westminster Street /Railway Terrace intersection upgrade is available on the Roads and Maritime website: http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/documents/projects/sydney-west/north-west-growth-centre-strategy/westminster-st-railway-terrace-community-consultation-report.pdf .
	Out of scope	Not in favour of a bridge on the Garfield Road crossing	Roads and Maritime appreciates the feedback.
		Wasn't Kensington Park Road supposed to be the main road?	Kensington Park Road is a local road operated by Blacktown City Council.
	Other Roads and Maritime projects within the North West Priority Land Release Area	What are the proposed timeframes for the delivery of the Bandon Road underpass?	Planning is underway for the Bandon Road / link between Richmond Road and Windsor Road as part of the medium term work of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.
		Supports project but considers the proposal for the Denmark Link Road would only be of benefit until the	Roads and Maritime appreciates the support. The Denmark Link Road would be delivered after the Schofields Road underpass. The Westminster Street and Railway Terrace

Issue category	Sub-issue	Issues raised	Roads and Maritime response
		Schofields Road underpass is complete. Also considers the Bandon Road underpass should be fast tracked.	intersection traffic light upgrades are completed. The Bandon Road project, connecting Windsor Road and Richmond Road, is currently being planned as a medium term project as part of the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy.
		Schofields Road should be a priority to help remove the heavy vehicles from the Garfield Road intersection.	Work is underway on the Schofields Road upgrade and extension. The work on Schofields Road Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road is in progress and expected to be completed in early 2017. This section of Schofields Road will pass under the Richmond railway line near Schofields Railway Station and connect to Veron Road. Schofields Road Stage 3 between Veron Road and Richmond Road is expected to be completed by late 2018.

4. The decision

Roads and Maritime has carefully considered all the submissions received from the community and decided to proceed with planning for the preferred corridor that was displayed in November and December 2015. The submissions received during the consultation period will be used in considering the development of the concept design and environmental assessment. There will be another round of community consultation during the display of the concept design and environmental assessment.

5. Next steps

Roads and Maritime would like to thank everyone who took the time to review the project materials and provide feedback. We have considered all submissions and the project team is aware of concerns raised by the community during this phase of the project. The feedback and comments received will inform the next stages of development. We will continue to keep the community informed on the progress of the Denmark Link Road project via the Roads and Maritime website and stakeholder updates.

During the next phase of the project Roads and Maritime will:

- Refine the preferred option (if required)
- Undertake the concept design and environmental assessment
- Display the concept design and environmental assessment for community and stakeholder feedback
- Provide updates on the project via email and website updates, as required.

Appendix A – Community Update

Denmark Link Road – Have your say

New link road between Garfield Road West,
Riverstone and Westminster Street bridge, Schofields

November 2015

The NSW Government is planning to build a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road at Riverstone to Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy, confirmed in July 2015.

Background

Riverstone and the surrounding area are integral to the North West Growth Centre (NWGC) where about 200,000 people are expected to reside in the next 15 years. This rise in population and development is expected to generate an increase in traffic for the area.

Roads and Maritime has developed a NWGC Road Network Strategy which includes a series of road network upgrades to support the expected growth. These proposed upgrades would be delivered in three key phases; short, medium and long-term and are subject to availability of funding.

We have now developed a preferred route for the proposed new Denmark Link Road, which would deliver a second connection between Riverstone and Schofields. The community is now being invited to have a say on this route.

Garfield Road currently provides the only direct link between Richmond Road and Windsor Road and crosses the railway line at the Riverstone level crossing.

The short-term work within the NWGC Road Network Strategy aims to improve traffic flow around Riverstone. Medium-term and long-term work would manage future traffic requirements of the area. These upgrades would help address expected future congestion, including on Garfield Road and around the existing railway level crossing at Riverstone.

Details of the NWGC Road Network Strategy are available in the Community Updates published in November 2014 and July 2015. This is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone - North West Growth Centre Strategy.



Riverstone and the North West Growth Centre

About this proposal

To deliver the NWGC Road Network Strategy, Roads and Maritime is working with Blacktown City Council to develop local plans to improve traffic flow, within the Riverstone Town Centre and to the Westminster Street bridge. A new local link road connection has been identified between Garfield Road West and the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. The link road would alleviate traffic congestion along Garfield Road West around the railway level crossing at Riverstone. This road would provide an alternative local connection for light vehicles to cross the Richmond railway line and avoid the need to enter Riverstone Town Centre.

A number of options were developed and an assessment was carried out with key stakeholders to select a preferred option. The preferred option would provide a link road from Garfield Road West at Riverstone via Denmark Road intersection to West Parade. West Parade would be extended to the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields. The proposal would connect to new traffic lights that are currently being planned at the Westminster Street and Railway Terrace intersection.

An Options Report has been prepared detailing the process carried out in the selection of the preferred option. This report is available to view or download from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone – North West Growth Centre Strategy.

Features of the preferred option

A map highlighting the preferred option is on the opposite page. The preferred option is a two lane local road with a footpath on one side. The proposal includes:

- An intersection at Garfield Road West and Denmark Road with a right-turn bay for traffic waiting to enter Denmark Road at Riverstone
- Improvements to the existing Denmark Road
- A new link road between Denmark Road and West Parade
- New intersections at Carlton Street and West Parade
- Extension of West Parade to connect near the Westminster Street bridge at Schofields.

Benefits of the preferred option

The preferred option would:

- Reduce congestion and delays that are currently being experienced at the Garfield Road railway level crossing at Riverstone
- Provide a second local road connection for motorists wishing to use the Westminster Street bridge, alleviating congestion on Garfield Road
- Meets the future traffic needs for the area.



Denmark Road looking south

Proposed Denmark Link Road Preferred Option



GARFIELD ROAD RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSING

RIVERSTONE RAILWAY STATION

Riverstone

Garfield Road West

INTERSECTION TO BE UPGRADED
WITH A DEDICATED RIGHT-TURN BAY

Carlton Street

Railway Terrace

Denmark Road

Creek Street

NEW LINK ROAD

Eastern Creek

Riverstone Road

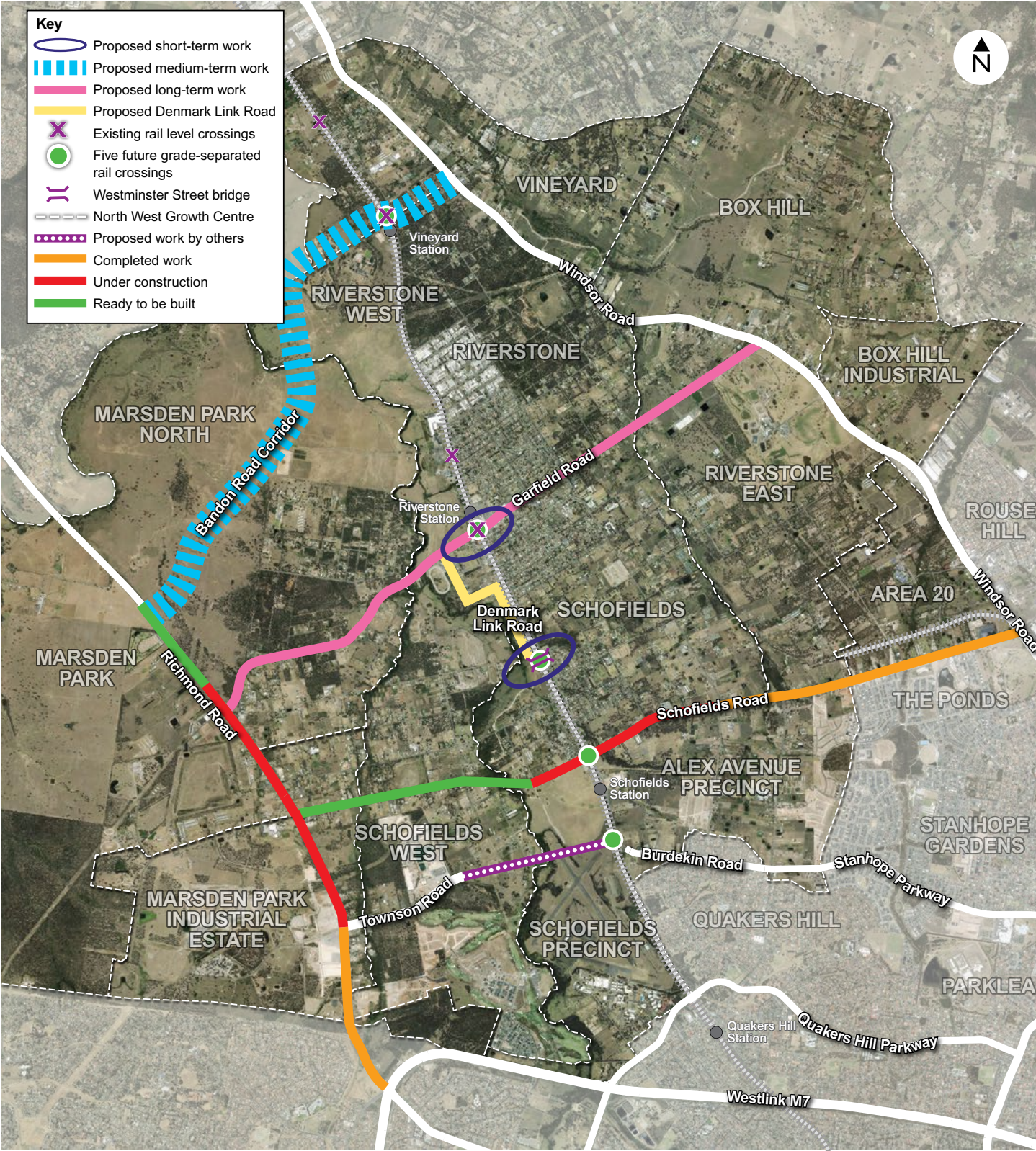
RICHMOND RAILWAY LINE

West Parade

WESTMINSTER STREET BRIDGE

Westminster Street

NWGC Road Network Strategy showing proposed Denmark Link Road



Updates and announcements

Proposed traffic lights at Westminster Street

In August 2015 the community was consulted on a proposal to provide traffic lights at the intersection of Westminster Street and Railway Terrace, Schofields. This proposal is part of the short-term work for the NWGC Road Network Strategy. Comments on this proposal closed on Friday 24 August 2015.

Planning approval has been obtained for this project now. A report summarising issues raised during consultation and our responses will be available to view or download soon from the Roads and Maritime website at rms.nsw.gov.au/nwgc or search for Riverstone – North West Growth Centre Strategy.

Construction is expected to start in early 2016, weather permitting.

Other projects in the area

Richmond Road Upgrade

Richmond Road is being upgraded north of Bells Creek Bridge, Colebee to the South Creek floodplain. The road is being widened from two lanes to four lanes with provision for six lanes in the future.

Stage 1 between Bells Creek and Townson Road has been completed and opened to traffic. Work has started on stages two and three between Townson Road and 900 metres north of Garfield Road West and is expected to be complete by late 2016.

The upgrade of Richmond Road from north of Garfield Road West to the South Creek floodplain at Marsden Park will take place as neighbouring development progresses.

Schofields Road Upgrade

Schofields Road is also being upgraded to form a major east-west link from Rouse Hill to Marsden Park.

Stage 1 between Windsor Road and Tallawong Road has been completed and opened to traffic. Work has begun on Stage 2 between Tallawong Road and Veron Road and is expected to be complete by early 2017. Stage 3 between Veron Road and Richmond Road is expected to start in early 2016.

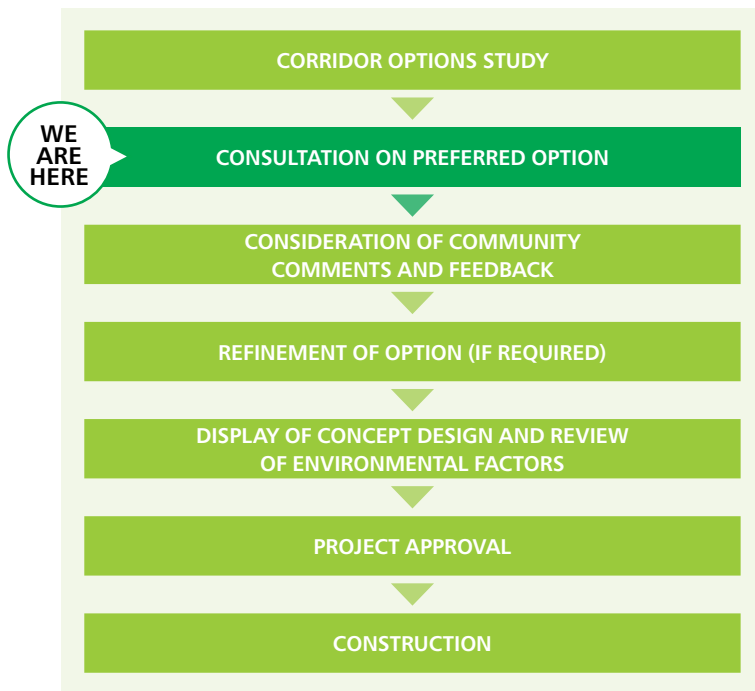


Richmond Road upgrade



Schofields Road upgrade

What happens next?



Display locations

The proposal will be displayed at:

- **Riverstone Library**
1st Floor, Marketown, corner of Market Street and Riverstone Parade
Riverstone NSW 2765
- **Blacktown City Council**
62 Flushcombe Road
Blacktown NSW 2148

Community information sessions

Roads and Maritime will host two community information sessions. A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop by at any time during these sessions.

- **Wednesday 2 December 2015**
From 5pm to 8pm
Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre
Sam Lane Community Complex,
Park Street, Riverstone
- **Saturday 5 December 2015**
From 2pm to 5pm
Marsden Park Public School
361–363 Garfield Road West,
Marsden Park

Have your say

We encourage you to have your say by providing written feedback on the proposal.

Comments are invited until **Friday 18 December 2015**. You can provide your comments by:


Mail: Riverstone NWGC
Roads and Maritime Services
PO Box 973
Parramatta CBD NSW 2124

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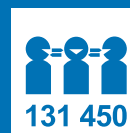
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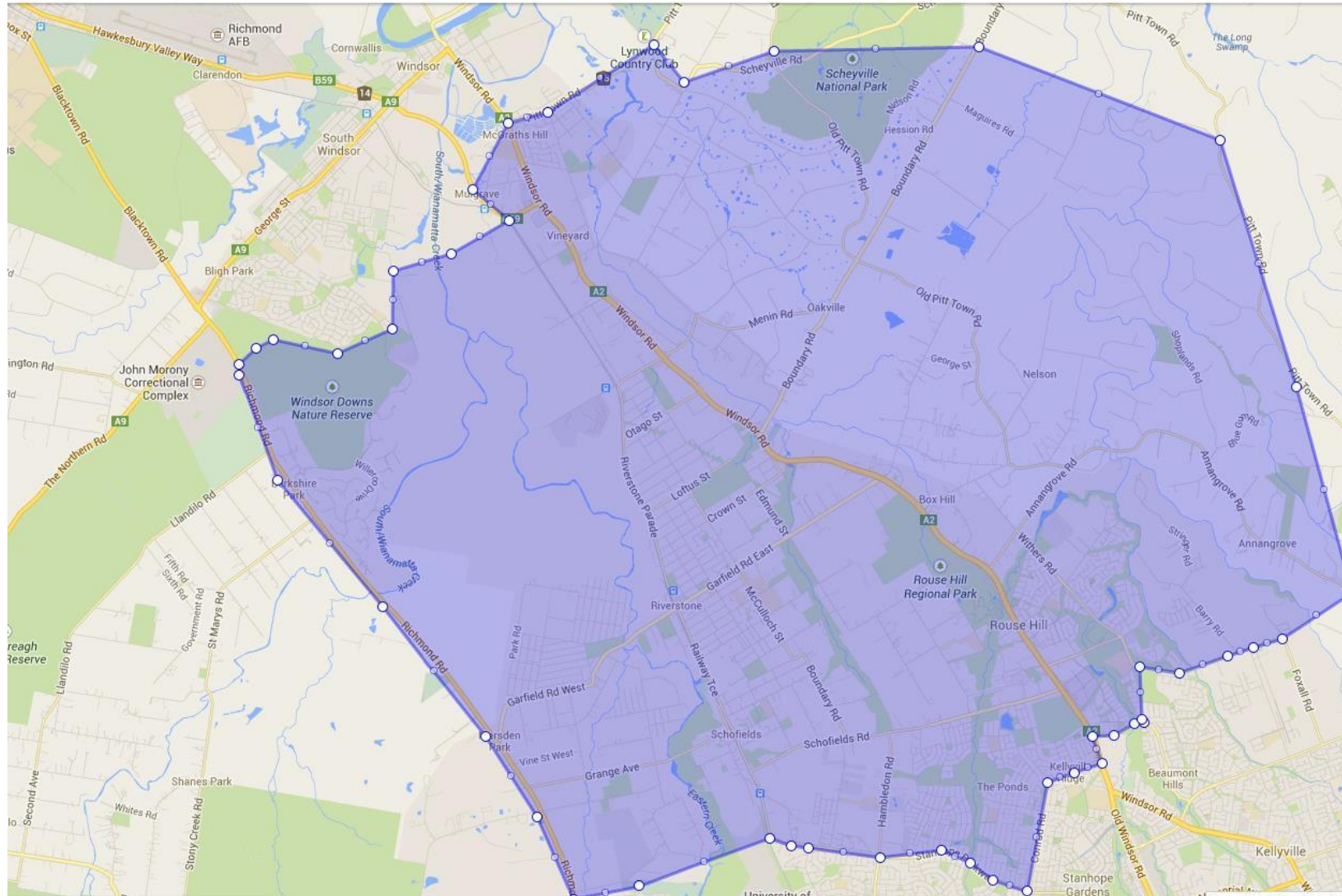
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Appendix B – Letterbox distribution area



Appendix C – Consultation advertisements

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**Denmark Link Road –
Have your say**
Proposed new link road between
Garfield Road West, Riverstone and
Westminster Street, Schofields

The NSW Government is planning to build a link road from the intersection of Garfield Road West and Denmark Road, Riverstone to Westminster Street bridge, Schofields.

This proposal is part of the short-term work for the North West Growth Centre Road Network Strategy that was confirmed in July 2015.

We are seeking your feedback on this proposal and will host two community information sessions:

- **Wednesday 2 December 2015**
from 5pm to 8pm
Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre
Sam Lane Community Complex,
Park Street, Riverstone
- **Saturday 5 December 2015**
from 2pm to 5pm
Marsden Park Public School
361-363 Garfield Road West
Marsden Park

A formal presentation will not be given so please feel free to drop by at any time during these sessions.

Written comments are invited by **Friday 18 December 2015** to:

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Or email your comments to
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Appendix D – Media Release



Duncan Gay

Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight
Leader of the Government
Legislative Council

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday 19 November 2015

MAJOR PROGRESS ON NORTH WEST ROAD PROJECTS

Minister for Roads Duncan Gay and Member for Riverstone Kevin Conolly today announced significant progress is being made on two major congestion-busting projects in the north west of Sydney.

“Christmas has come early for local and visiting road users with reduced travel times and increased safety on a new section of Richmond Road opened to traffic today,” Mr Gay said.

“The NSW Government has already spent \$39 million on the first stage of upgrade work on Richmond Road between Bells Creek and Townson Road which was completed last year – with \$96 million allocated for this current upgrade section, that is a historic \$135 million government investment into Richmond Road.

“Today we can also announce the preferred route has been selected for the Denmark Link Road upgrade which will cut delays at a nearby well-known congestion hotspot in Riverstone.

“These projects demonstrate the NSW Government is committed to planning and delivering crucial road upgrades to support our newest suburbs.”

An enormous program of NSW Government roadwork is being planned and delivered in the North West Growth Centre to support new residential and industrial centres in the area, which will see more than 70,000 new homes built in coming years.

The current 2.9 kilometre upgrade of Richmond Road runs from Townson Road to 900 metres north of Garfield Road West and is expected to be complete by late next year.

Mr Connolly said today traffic had been moved onto a new section of about one kilometre of the new Richmond Road between Grange Avenue and Elara Boulevard at Marsden Park, so work could start on the upgrade’s new southbound lanes.

“Riverstone is a growing suburb and requires new road infrastructure to improve connectivity and reduce congestion,” Mr Conolly said.

The Denmark Link Road project plans to provide a two lane local road from Garfield Road West and Denmark Road intersection at Riverstone to Westminster Street Bridge at Schofields.

As part of the plan, West Parade will be extended to connect near the Westminster Street Bridge and also connect to a new signalised intersection for Westminster Street and Railway Terrace which has work expected to start early next year.

For more information on the North West Growth Centre road upgrades visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au

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