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DATE SET FOR PUBLIC OPINION ON NORTH NOWRA LINK ROAD OPTIONS

The NSW Government has today announced public feedback is being sought on **three alternative routes for an \$18.5 million link road**, proposed to improve access between the growing area of North Nowra and the Princes Highway at Bomaderry.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the three routes being proposed by Shoalhaven City Council are in its environmental assessment which is on **public exhibition from today until Friday, March 18.**

The proposed routes are:

- **1: Central Option** – *Connects Pitt Street with Nerang Road and generally follows an existing transmission line and water main services corridor across Crown Land, Council land and through Bomaderry Creek Regional Park;*
- **2: Southern Option** – *Joins Illaroo Road to the Princes Highway at West Bunberra Street, crossing Bomaderry Creek further to the south east and following the southern boundary of Bomaderry Creek Regional Park; and*
- **3: Northern Option** – *Runs parallel to West Cambewarra Road and connects to Moss Vale Road at Elvin Drive, passing through Council land and the northern section of Bomaderry Creek Regional Park.*

Member for Kiama, Matt Brown, welcomed the announcement.

“This is great news for the people who have joined me in the push for this project,” Mr Brown said.

“There is a clear need to investigate alternatives to ease traffic congestion and deliver better access for North Nowra residents.

“I encourage people to take the opportunity and make comment by lodging a submission by March 18.”

Council is seeking concept plan approval for all three routes and has indicated that the Central Option is its preferred option.

Mr Kelly said since the application was first lodged by Council, the project has undergone a number of revisions resulting from discussions between the Department, Council and other government agencies.

“This process had ensured relevant issues were resolved to get the project application into a suitable format before inviting public feedback,” the Minister said.

“The North Nowra Link Road has the potential to ease some of the pressures on existing arterial roads and accommodate the future growth envisaged under the Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan.

“The only viable connection which currently exists between North Nowra and the Princes Highway is via Illaroo Road, which is used by approximately 17,000 vehicles per day.”



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The three proposed options can be viewed at:

- Department of Planning, Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge St, Sydney;
- Shoalhaven City Council, City Administrative Centre, 36 Bridge Road, Nowra;
- Nowra Library (Central Library), 10 Berry Street, Nowra;
- Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, King Edward Terrace, Parkes, ACT; and
- Nature Conservation Council of NSW, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Project documents are also publicly available at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> (follow the links to 'On Exhibition' page).

Submissions can be:

- Sent to Director, Infrastructure Projects, Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning, GPO Box 39, Sydney NSW 2001;
 - Faxed to (02) 9228 6355;
 - Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au; and
 - Submitted online at www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au (from the North Nowra Link Road page).
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