



WOODBURN TO BALLINA UPGRADE

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Planning for this project is funded by the NSW State Government.

The proposed Woodburn to Ballina Upgrade will provide approximately 32 kilometres of additional dual carriageway north of Woodburn as part of the \$2.2 billion Pacific Highway Upgrading Program. Hyder Consulting is managing the studies and investigations required for the project and will examine a number of feasible route options.

A range of planning studies and investigations are underway for the analysis of route options. Information about these studies and investigations will be provided as the project proceeds.

Community consultation activities have included community information sessions at Wardell, Broadwater and Woodburn on 22-24 November 2004. Members of the community who attended these information sessions generally agreed that some of the most important considerations in the defined study area (see map on RTA website – details below) were the quality of the environment, heritage values, agricultural, lifestyle and tourism activities. It was also agreed that the community highly valued good access to recreational areas, such as the Richmond River.

The first of the community liaison group meetings was held on 15 December 2004. The members of the group and their towns are listed below:

Alstonville Bert Plenkovich	Broadwater Bill Walker John Degotardi Darren Woolage	Meerschaum Vale Mark Graham	Woodburn Jeffrey Phillips Murray Shergold Tony Carusi David McDonald Rik Nutt Bill Salapic
Bagotville Kerry Kelly Emma Walke	Coolgardie Roger Stanley Stephanie Lymburner	Rileys Hill Paddy Wilde Francine Hitchens	
Ballina Jack Matthes Rod Ison	Empire Vale Julie Coyle Trevor Monti	Wardell David Judge Ron Rosolen Natasha Heath Mike Rushby Steve Flatley Ray Collyer Colin Duncan	

We encourage you to talk to your local community liaison group representatives or members of the project team on the free call information line below. In addition the project team will be setting up a staffed shopfront in Woodburn in February 2005. Further information on the location and opening times will be provided in the next update.

To find out more about the Woodburn to Ballina Upgrade, contact:

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