

Wells Crossing to Iluka Road Upgrading the Pacific Highway

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is investigating the feasibility of an alternate route for a section of the preferred route for the proposed Wells Crossing to Iluka Road upgrade. The section being investigated is between Tyndale and Maclean.

The Wells Crossing to Iluka Road project proposes to upgrade the Pacific Highway to a four lane dual carriageway standard with interchanges at six key locations.

The preferred route was announced by the former Minister for Roads, Eric Roozendaal, on the 26 September 2006.

The concept design for the Wells Crossing to Iluka Road section of the Pacific Highway upgrade was placed on public display from 15 January 2009 until 6 March 2009.

Why review the preferred route in this section?

Following the display of the concept design, the cane industry raised concerns regarding the location of the preferred route between Tyndale and Maclean, specifically the loss of higher quality productive cane land and the loss of homes along the south arm of the Clarence River.

The Minister for Roads has asked the RTA to work with local cane growers and affected landowners to investigate the feasibility of an alternative option that avoids the high value cane land along the south arm of the Clarence River.

The option shown (overpage) would require further investigation re:

- Flooding.
- Property access requirements.
- Geotechnical issues
- Cost to construct.

The outcomes of these investigations would be considered and further comment will be sought from the community before a decision is made on whether to modify the preferred route.

What happens next?

In the coming months the RTA will collect further survey, flooding and geotechnical information and investigate the feasibility of this alternative option.

Discussions will take place between the RTA, affected landowners and local cane growers to ensure their views are considered during this investigation.

An access strategy that minimises the number of access points across the upgrade for cane trucks will be developed in consultation with the local cane growers.

As noted, the cost and time to construct an alternate route on the soft soils further away from the river bank needs to be considered.

A discussion paper on the alternative route will be put on display for community comment and those comments considered before a decision is made.

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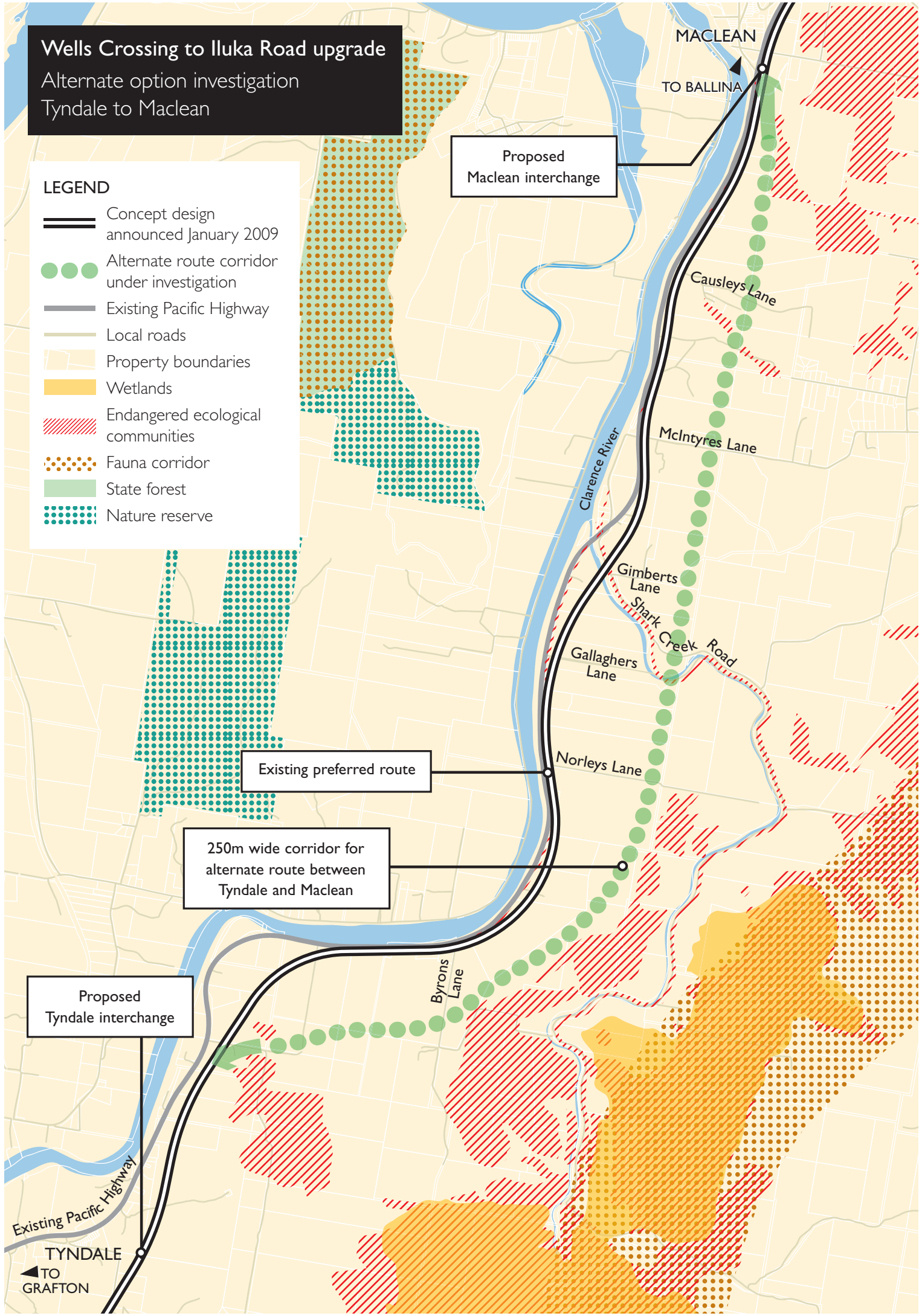
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Wells Crossing to Iluka Road upgrade

Alternate option investigation
Tyndale to Maclean

LEGEND

- Concept design announced January 2009
- Alternate route corridor under investigation
- Existing Pacific Highway
- Local roads
- Property boundaries
- Wetlands
- Endangered ecological communities
- Fauna corridor
- State forest
- Nature reserve



MACLEAN

TO BALLINA

Proposed
Maclean interchange

Causleys Lane

McIntyres Lane

Gimberts Lane

Shark Creek Road

Gallaghers Lane

Norleys Lane

Existing preferred route

250m wide corridor for
alternate route between
Tyndale and Maclean

Proposed
Tyndale interchange

Byrons Lane

Existing Pacific Highway

TYNDALE

TO
GRAFTON