



**Senator the Hon Marise Payne**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs  
Minister for Women  
Senator for New South Wales



**Robyn Preston MP**  
Member for Hawkesbury

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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **HAVE YOUR SAY ON UPGRADES TO THE DRIFTWAY - NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE STAGE 1.**

Transport for NSW is seeking community feedback on plans to upgrade The Driftway between Londonderry Road, Londonderry and Blacktown Road, South Windsor as part of the New Richmond Bridge and traffic improvements project, Stage 1.

Upgrades to The Driftway will support the future New Richmond Bridge and deliver early safety benefits to the community.

Earlier this year Transport for NSW consulted on its preferred option for the New Richmond Bridge and associated traffic improvements. The consultation feedback has provided important information about what matters to the local community.

Transport for NSW is currently considering the feedback and will undertake further investigations and engagement with stakeholders before adopting a design that delivers the greatest community benefits within the project's allocated funding budget.

Liberal Senator for Western Sydney, Senator the Hon Marise Payne, said once complete, the preferred option of the Hawkesbury River's Third Crossing would save motorists valuable time in peak hours between Richmond and North Richmond.

"We have listened to the Hawkesbury community and delivered half a billion dollars to help address this well-known bottleneck," Senator Payne said.

"The Morrison Government wants to see construction start as soon as possible because we understand how important this project is to busting congestion and supporting our economic recovery."

Upgrades to The Driftway will cater for future traffic growth and provide improved safety benefits to the community. Roundabouts would reduce crashes and delays turning from The Driftway onto Londonderry and Blacktown Roads.

NSW Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston said, "The existing Richmond Bridge carries around 31,000 vehicles per day in each direction. This creates significant traffic congestion between the Richmond and North Richmond townships, so it is important we make preparations for the new bridge now and encourage feedback on upgrades to The Driftway.

“Upgrades to The Driftway were common to all options considered for the New Richmond Bridge and that work is being progressed as Stage 1 of the project.

“With the area growing in population, it is imperative we complete these important works to improve safety and meet the needs of the community,” Ms Preston said.

The work would include upgrading The Driftway intersections at Londonderry and Blacktown Roads to new roundabouts, improvements to The Driftway intersections with Luxford and Reynolds Roads to include right turn bays, road widening and drainage improvements.

Transport has developed a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the proposed upgrade which outlines key features of the project, its potential environmental impacts and how they would be minimized.

The Australian Government and NSW Government have committed \$500 million for traffic improvements including a new bridge over the Hawkesbury River between Richmond and North Richmond. The Australian Government funding of \$400 million is being provided through its commitment to the Hawkesbury River Third Crossing via the Infrastructure Investment Program.

Online community sessions about the proposal will be held on 24 and 25 November and the plans can be viewed on the project web page. The public display closes on Friday 10 December. Feedback will be considered in a submissions report to determine the proposal.

For more information, learn more about the community sessions or to submit feedback, visit: [nswroads.work/richmond-bridge](https://nswroads.work/richmond-bridge), or call 1300 370 778.

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