



## ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED TUGUN BYPASS

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF:

Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) [Commonwealth]

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) [NSW]

Species Impact Statement (SIS)

Draft Major Development Plan (MDP) [for the part of the Tugun Bypass on Commonwealth (airport) land]

The New South Wales Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and Queensland Department of Main Roads (DMR) propose to construct and operate a new road link, referred to as the Tugun Bypass, between Tweed Heads in New South Wales (NSW) and Currumbin in Queensland, with provision for possible future rail link to the Gold Coast Airport. The proposed bypass comprises a four-lane restricted-access road with a central median to separate north-south traffic flows at a posted speed of 100 km/h. The median would be sufficient width to allow future upgrading to six lanes. A grade separated interchange would be provided at the Tweed Heads Bypass in NSW and connect to the Stewart Road interchange at Currumbin in Queensland.

An environmental impact assessment has been undertaken to assess the likely environmental, social and economic impacts. Draft EIS, SIS and MDP documents have been prepared in accordance with guidelines which meet the requirements of the following Acts:

- The Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)
- The Airports Act 1996 (Commonwealth)
- The Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (NSW)
- The Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW)
- The Transport Infrastructure Act 1994 (Qld)

The NSW RTA and Qld DMR are required under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act to publish the draft EIS with an invitation for public comment within a specified period.

The matters protected by Part 3 of the EPBC Act are:

- Sections 18 and 18A (Listed threatened species and ecological communities).
- Sections 26 and 27A (Protection of the environment from actions involving Commonwealth land)

### Public comment is invited

The draft EIS, SIS and MDP documents will be available for inspection from Monday 13 December 2004 until Monday, 14 March 2005 at the locations listed below. During the period of the public exhibition, copies of the draft EIS and SIS documents will be available for purchase for \$27.50 (printed copy) or \$11 (compact disc), at locations marked with a hash (#). Copies of the draft MDP will be also available for purchase for \$15 (printed copy) or \$5 (compact disc), at locations marked with a hash (#) or a star (\*). All prices include GST. Any interested person or organisation is invited, before the closing date specified below, to provide written comments on the proposed activity and draft EIS, SIS and MDP documents.

#### Australian Capital Territory

##### Department of the Environment and Heritage

John Gorton Building  
King Edward Terrace,  
Parkes ACT

#### New South Wales

##### Roads and Traffic Authority (Sydney) #

Ground Floor Centennial Plaza  
260 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5pm

##### Roads and Traffic Authority (Grafton) #

Pacific Highway Office, 21 Prince Street  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm

##### RTA Motor Registry (Tweed Heads) #

Greenway Drive, Tweed Heads  
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm, Sat 8:30am - 12noon

##### Tweed Shire Council

Civic Centre Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah  
Mon, 8:00am - 4:45pm  
Tues-Fri, 8:00am - 4:30pm

##### State Library of New South Wales

Level 7, Reference Library  
Macquarie Street, Sydney  
Mon - Fri, 9:00am to 9:00pm  
Saturday, Sunday 11:00am to 5:00pm

##### Tweed Heads Branch Public Library

Civic Centre, Brett Street, Tweed Heads  
Mon-Thu, 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Fri, 10:00am - 7:00pm  
Sat, 9:00am - midday

##### Kingscliff Branch Public Library

Turnock Street, Kingscliff  
Tues, Thu, Fri, 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Wed, 10:00am - 7:00pm  
Sat, 9:00am - midday

##### Murwillumbah Area Public Library

Civic Centre, Tumbulgum Road, Murwillumbah  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Thu, 10:00am - 8:00pm  
Sat, 9:00am - midday

##### NSW Govt Info Centre (Sydney)

Goodsell Building, Cnr Phillip & Hunter Streets  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am-5pm

#### Nature Conservation Council (Sydney)

Level 5, 362 Kent Street, Sydney  
Mon-Fri, 9am - 5pm

#### Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Natural Resources

##### Planning Centre (Sydney)

Henry Deane Building  
20 Ice Street, Haymarket  
Mon-Fri, 8:45am - 5pm

#### Queensland

##### Queensland Department of Main Roads#

36-38 Cotton Street, Nerang  
Mon-Fri, 8:30am - 5:00pm

##### Queensland Transport#

Spring Hill Office Complex  
Ground Floor, 477 Boundary Street, Spring Hill  
Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri, 8:30am - 4:30pm  
Wed, 9:30am - 4:30pm

##### Gold Coast City Council Administration Centre

135 Bundall Road, Surfers Paradise  
Mon-Fri, 8:00am - 5:00pm

##### State Library of Queensland

299 Montague Road, West End  
Mon-Thu, 10:00am - 8:00pm  
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, 10:00am - 5:00pm

##### Elanora Library

The Pines Shopping Centre  
K.P. McGrath Drive, Elanora  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Thu, 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sat - 9:00am - 3:00pm

##### Robina Library

Cnr Robina Town Centre Dr & San Antonio Blvd  
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, 9:00am - 6:00pm  
Thu, 9:00am - 7:00pm  
Sat, 9:00am - 3:00pm  
Sun, Midday - 4:00pm

##### Coolangatta Library

Griffith Street, Coolangatta  
Mon-Fri, 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Sat, 9:00am - midday

##### Gold Coast Airport\* (draft MDP only)

Level 1, Airport Central, 1 Eastern Avenue  
Gold Coast Airport, Bilinga  
Mon-Fri, 9:00am - 5:00pm

Dates for staffed displays are planned for late January/early February 2005 and will be advised via media advertisements and on the RTA, DMR and GCAL websites, or by calling the Project Team on (freecall) 1800 209 020.

Further information is available on the following websites:

[www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/content/tugun-bypass+project](http://www.mainroads.qld.gov.au/content/tugun-bypass+project).

[www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific) (Ballina to Tweed Heads - Tugun Bypass), and [www.goldcoastairport.com/sub-corp/development.cfm](http://www.goldcoastairport.com/sub-corp/development.cfm).

Persons or organisations wishing to comment on the proposed activity, and the draft EIS, SIS and MDP documents are invited to make written representations by letter/fax/e-mail on or before 4pm on Monday 14 March 2005 to:

#### EIS & SIS

Project Director  
Tugun Bypass Project  
Queensland Department of Main Roads  
36-38 Cotton Street  
PO Box 442, Nerang Qld 4211  
Fax No.: (07) 5596 9511  
E-mail: [SouthCoast@mainroads.qld.gov.au](mailto:SouthCoast@mainroads.qld.gov.au)

#### MDP

Gold Coast Airport Limited  
c/o Project Director  
Tugun Bypass Project  
Queensland Department of Main Roads  
36-38 Cotton Street  
PO Box 442, Nerang Qld 4211  
Fax No.: (07) 5596 9511  
E-mail: [SouthCoast@mainroads.qld.gov.au](mailto:SouthCoast@mainroads.qld.gov.au)

All submissions will be treated as public documents unless confidentiality is requested. Where the supplier indicates at the time of supply of information that it should be kept confidential, the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority and Qld Department of Main Roads will attempt to keep it confidential but there may be legislative or legal justification for the release of the information, for example under the NSW Freedom of Information Act 1989 and/or Queensland Freedom of Information Act 1992 or subpoena or statutory instrument.

A list of names of members of the public making written comments upon the draft MDP and a summary of the comments must accompany the final draft MDP when submitted by Gold Coast Airport Limited to the Commonwealth Minister for Transport and Regional Services.

For more information please contact: Phil Clutterbuck, Department of Main Roads Project Director on 07 5596 9500.