

## Cessnock City Council is in the design and planning stage for the upgrade of Wollombi Road, to improve capacity, safety, and ease traffic congestion.

Since early October 2023 site investigations have been carried out on Wollombi Road from Vincent Street to Abbotsford Street to help inform the project team of any significant constraints that may affect the upgrade. Investigations included:

- Surveying and measuring height and widths
- Drilling and collecting information on the road condition
- Assessing the condition and location of inground services
- Reviewing the stormwater system
- Undertaken noise monitoring
- Assessing the condition of the existing footpath, kerbs, bus stops and lights.

Most of this work is now complete, with some inground service investigations to be completed in early 2024. Thank you to the community for their patience and understanding during this important work.

Work will now begin on the development of a preferred concept design for the project and environmental investigations will be carried out to inform the project's Review of Environmental Factors which will be on public display in mid 2024.

## Community information sessions

Throughout October and November 2023 we held a series of information sessions for the project.

The purpose of holding the series was to allow broad community participation, to provide the community with accurate and timely information, and to gather feedback to inform the design and planning of the project.

Thank you to everyone who attended the events and provided your insights and feedback. In 2024 Cessnock City Council plans to hold further community consultation events to share new project information as the design develops to ensure both impacted residents, businesses and the wider community can continue to have their say.



## Engagement Snapshot

9000+ views Facebook  
live Q+A session with  
Mayor and Director of  
Works & Infrastructure



One Information session  
held at the library



300+ Conversations  
held



20+ updates via  
social media



One Coffee with a  
Councillor session at  
Wollombi Road Providore



Three Information  
sessions held at Cessnock  
Village Shopping Centre



# The main topics raised with us

Concerns about the loss of parking



Safe pedestrian crossings and shared footpaths



Safe vehicle access to/from properties and side streets



Concerns for the businesses on Wollombi Road



Specific queries about design and property impacts



Concerns about traffic flow



Poor drainage and storm water flooding in areas of the road corridor



Support for the bypass roads



Requests for more information



Objections to the project



General feedback regarding Council's planning and development decisions



Support for the project



**On behalf of the project team, we wish you a happy and safe festive season!**

## Contact us

Please do not hesitate to contact the project team

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