Project Objectives –

➢ To upgrade the section of the Princes Highway between Batemans Bay and the Bega Valley Shire border at Dignams Creek to improve safety, traffic efficiency and driver frustration.

Facts

• The Princes Highway is the main north/south arterial route and carries all of the freight and tourists through this region.

• The highway has a very poor alignment and narrow formation along with insufficient overtaking opportunities in the section from the Bermagui Rd to Dignams Creek. At Victoria Creek in particular traffic is confronted with a sharp bend very narrow pavement, inadequate cross fall and no protection fencing followed by a narrow bridge. This section has a high crash rate.

• An RTA safety audit has identified a number of intersections that require improvement to overcome safety concerns and traffic hold ups.

• The intersections of the Highway with the accesses to the Industrial areas of Batemans Bay have significant safety and capacity issues.

Project Details

• Intersection Improvements at Cranbrook Rd and Hughes St intersections with the Princes Highway in Batemans Bay. Traffic lights and road widening at a cost of $1.25m commencing in 2006.

  – Rural Road intersections treatments at:
    – Turlinjah $0.25m
    – Bergalia $0.1m
    – Centenary Drive $1.0m
    – Clyde St $0.05m
    – South Head Rd $0.3m
    – Tomakin Rd $1.25m
    – South Head Rd $0.3m
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- Road realignment with new bridge at Victoria Creek. The realignment will provide a wider bridge with higher radius bends and reduced grades. This will greatly improve safety at an estimated cost of $15m.
- Road realignment with new bridge at Dignams Creek. The realignment will provide a wider bridge. This will greatly improve safety at an estimated cost of $8m.

SEATS Recommendations

- That the Cranbrook Road and Hughes Street intersections upgrading commence in 2006.
- That the upgrading of the Turlinjah, Bergalia, Centenary Drive and Clyde Street intersections be undertaken in 2006/07.
- That the upgrading of the Tomakin Road and South Head Road intersections be programmed for commencement in 2007.
- That a commencement date be announced for the realignment of the highway at Victoria Creek by 2006/07 and that this project be completed by 2009 ($15m).
- That a commencement date be announced for the realignment of the highway at Dignams Creek by 2006/07 and that this project be completed by 2009 ($8m).