

Friends of Bomaderry Creek

Dear Northern Shoalhaven Resident

Are you one of the many local people who wonder when the problems with our traffic congestion are going to get any better? Do you sit in the traffic every weekday morning and wonder when the link road will be built?

Council has proposed three options for this road, but the two serious ones are the central option and the northern option. The central option goes directly from Pitt Street in North Nowra to the Princes Highway at Narang Road, which is Council's preferred one. It crosses the gorge of Bomaderry Creek by means of an expensive engineering project which includes the relocation of the water main and power lines. Council's costing of this construction is questionable.

Council's northern option runs parallel to West Cambewarra Road – set into the bushland by 50m. This option would be less costly as the creek crossing is minor and relocation of other services is not required. It would put a stop to Council's housing plans on the opposite side of the road.

None of the link roads will make access to Nowra any better given the longer distance to travel from North Nowra to Nowra and increased traffic congestion. Council's obsession with this road is not about making your journey to work easier, faster, safer or more economical. It is about keeping open several development options for the future, which would lead to even more traffic.

If Council were to achieve its preferred option, consider the future for traffic congestion.

If you live in **North Nowra** and want to get to Nowra via this link road, it would take you nearly 2 km out of your way from Pitt Street to the roundabout on the highway at Narang Road, which is nearly 2 km north of the bridge. You would have to join the other highway traffic build-up caused by the inadequacy of the river crossing and eventually arrive at the same bridge lights, but now on the highway. Some improvement!

If you live on **West Cambewarra Road**, given the absence of the parallel road option, you would face the development of a triangle of Council owned land opposite you. The residents of the sixty seven houses that would be built there on these highly desirable blocks would have their access directly off your road. That would be at least 134 more cars in and out each day.

If you live in **Bomaderry** you would be delighted to know that the cost of this road would also be at the cost of increased congestion on the highway. In addition, the roundabout at Narang Road is too small for the extra traffic. Its enlargement and realignment would make it very appealing to open the connection with West Birriley Street as a direct link from the highway and North Nowra to the services and facilities in Bomaderry. Residents of West Birriley and Birriley streets take note – the sacrifice of your peace and quiet will be helping so many others!

Have a look at what we stand to lose by putting a road through the middle of the Bomaderry Creek Bushland with its many rare and endangered species – a joy to walk in at any time of the year given its beauty and serenity.

There's a zoning map on the Council website showing their road and housing plans.
