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Four routes shortlisted for Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass: Joyce

TENTERFIELD residents and business owners are invited to have their say on four shortlisted route corridors for the proposed Tenterfield heavy vehicle bypass on the New England Highway.

Member for New England Barnaby Joyce said a future bypass would improve road safety and freight transport efficiency.

“The Australian Government has committed $6 million for planning a heavy vehicle bypass at Tenterfield and a highway upgrade at Bolivia Hill,” Mr Joyce said.

“The New England Highway is a major interstate freight route between Newcastle and Queensland, providing an alternative route to the Pacific Highway.

“The New England Highway currently passes through Tenterfield’s central business district, causing traffic and safety issues for local traffic and pedestrians.”

NSW Member for Northern Tablelands Adam Marshall said the project team carried out a thorough assessment of the 22 preliminary route options.

“Four route corridors have been shortlisted for further investigation,” Mr Marshall said.

“Roads and Maritime Services will now carry out detailed geotechnical, environmental and property impact investigations on the four corridors.

“In the meantime, feedback is being sought from community members and stakeholders.

“The four shortlisted options will be on display at Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts on Rouse Street in Tenterfield during information sessions held on Wednesday 4 June from 5pm to 8pm and on Thursday 5 June from 9am to noon.”

To provide feedback, write to Tenterfield Heavy Vehicle Bypass Project Team, Reply Paid 85012, Sydney NSW 2000 or email community.input@ghd.com.