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## North Nowra link road proposal before Council's committee

Shoalhaven City Council has received advice from the Department of Planning that the Environmental Assessment for the proposed North Nowra Link Road can be placed on public exhibition.

Council's Resources and Reserves Committee will consider a report that outlines the Department response and the likely exhibition dates at its meeting on Tuesday 15 February.

Shoalhaven City Mayor Councillor Paul Green said that Council has been providing information and submissions to the Department of Planning for several years in an effort to help citizens of north Nowra enjoy better access to the Princes Highway.

The projected need for a proposed link road was first identified in the 1970s and is part of the Nowra Bomaderry Structure Plan, approved in February 2008.

Council first submitted an application to the Department of Planning under Part 3A of the Environmental and Planning Assessment Act in November 2007, again in July 2008, and most recently in October 2010. The two previous applications in 2007 and 2008 were deemed inadequate for public exhibition by the Department. The Department sought subsequent improvements to the application in terms of flora and fauna, archaeological and noise impacts, and further improvements to account for new listings of endangered species.

Council submitted a significant detailed application with additional studies and investigations after working with various State government departments.

The Committee will discuss the proposed exhibition and dates and will make a recommendation to Council which will meet on 22 February to discuss the proposed exhibition times.

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