

Cessnock Correctional Complex

New northern access road

FACT SHEET

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As part of our commitment to Better Prisons, the NSW Government is upgrading the Cessnock Correctional Complex to provide additional minimum- and maximum-security capacity.

As these upgrades are delivered, we expect that the volume of traffic entering and leaving the complex each day will increase.

Cessnock City Council, local residents and other stakeholders have asked us to consider building a new northern access road to the complex, to relieve pressure on residential streets

– such as Lindsay, Mavis and Nelson streets – to the south.

Earlier this year, we agreed with Council to conduct a detailed assessment of a route from Kerlew Street, west of Occident Street, running south-west ('the Orange option' – see map overleaf).

While we recognise the community's desire for certainty around any new northern access road, it's important that we fully investigate the options prior to finalising any proposal. This work is ongoing.

Frequently-asked questions

When will the upgrades to Cessnock Correctional Complex be complete?

The first major project at Cessnock, the new Hunter Correctional Centre, opened in January 2018. It is expected that upgrades to other parts of the complex will be completed by mid 2020.

What effect will the upgrade have on local traffic?

An independent analysis conducted as part of the project's Review of Environmental Factors concluded that additional vehicle movements are not expected to impact on the operation of the local road network.

Why is a new access road required?

The Government agreed to consider a new road following representations from Council and local residents. A new northern access point to the correctional complex would relieve pressure on streets to the south.

When will a decision be made?

If our assessment shows that the Orange option is feasible, we can work with Council, local residents and other stakeholders to develop a detailed design.

Will residential properties be compulsorily acquired?

There will be no compulsory acquisition as part of this project.

Options considered

A number of potential access routes have been considered. The map and table below show the three options assessed as being most workable. These options minimise the number of existing trees and buildings that would need to be removed.




It is important to note that these routes are indicative only and would need to be confirmed as part of a detailed design process. This would include further consultation

with Council, residents and other stakeholders.

Community consultation

The Department of Justice will continue to consult with Council, residents and other stakeholders throughout this process.

Should you have any questions, concerns or other feedback, you can contact the New Prisons project team using the contact details at the bottom of this page.

Option	Comments
 Blue	Would require demolition of buildings within Cessnock Correctional Centre
 Pink	Uses existing road reserve but would be close to adjacent residences
 Orange	Requires some land acquisition

Indicative access routes – subject to detailed design

