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**PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR RING ROAD CONCEPT
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The concept of a Port Macquarie ring road, linking Ocean Drive to Hastings River Drive, received public support at workshops held with local property owners and government agencies last week.

More than 75 residents, property owners, developers, and representatives from schools and the Port Macquarie Race Club participated in three Council workshops. They discussed the impact of a number of ring road options which are contained in a draft preliminary report to Council by consulting firm ERM Australia.

The workshops were conducted for Council by independent facilitator Robert Purdon.

Several options for the northern and southern part of the ring road were presented. All affected landowners were invited to discuss the proposals at the workshops.

While the ring road concept was supported, some participants commented on a number of adverse impacts associated with various sections of the proposal and suggested alternative routes for Council's consideration.

Council has requested submissions from the workshop participants on the draft proposals.

It is anticipated that a revised proposal for the ring road will be displayed by Council for public comment in early 2005.

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