

Project update



DECEMBER 2014

OXLEY HIGHWAY TO KEMPSEY PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the 37 kilometre Oxley Highway to Kempsey Pacific Highway upgrade. The project is being built in two sections – Oxley Highway to Kundabung and Kundabung to Kempsey, with early interchange work at Sancrox Road.

Oxley Highway to Kundabung project

Major construction started on this project in October and work to date has included:

- Vegetation clearing along the new alignment
- Sediment basin construction
- Building of the project site office at 7909 Pacific Highway, with staff now on site
- Installation of new boundary fences
- Temporary barrier placement and changes to line markings along the Pacific Highway
- Relocation of optic fibre cabling
- Installation of nest-boxes on properties adjacent to the alignment.

Planned work for January and February 2015 includes:

- Opening of the community information centre at the project site office
- Continue vegetation clearing along the new road alignment
- Preparation work at the bridge abutments for the Hastings and Wilson River bridges
- Building drainage systems
- Start earthworks.

Sancrox interchange project

Major construction started in August and work to date has included:

- 35,000 cubic metres of fill has been removed and will be used on the Oxley Highway to Kundabung project
- Building of the bridge abutments and central piers for the overpass
- Utility relocations completed
- Temporary access to local businesses completed and open to traffic.

Planned work for January and February 2015 includes:

- Start building the three roundabouts
- Bridge girders across the Pacific Highway to be lifted into place
- Earthworks to continue.

Kundabung to Kempsey project

Major construction started on this project in November and work to date has included:

- Vegetation clearing along the new road alignment
- Temporary barrier placement and changes to line markings along the Pacific Highway
- Building sediment basins and diversion drains
- Building of the new site compound, with staff expected to be on site before Christmas.

Planned work for January and February 2015 includes:

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- Continue temporary barrier placement and changes to line marking along the Pacific Highway
- Continue vegetation clearing along the new road alignment
- Installation of drainage and box culverts
- Preparing for piling at bridge sites
- Start earthworks.

Future access to local roads - Kundabung to Kempsey upgrade

Thank you to those who attended the community information session at Kundabung Hall in August. A number of residents raised issues about changes to highway access once the upgrade is completed. There was also concern about how pedestrians will cross the new highway.

The Roads and Maritime project team are looking at options to see if the design can be further refined to address these access issues.

The outcome of these investigations will be relayed to local residents in early 2015.

Traffic impact

To ensure the safety of road users and workers while the Oxley Highway to Kempsey upgrade is being built, it will be necessary to reduce the speed limit. Some of these speed reductions will be in place for the duration of the project and others will be temporary while certain work is carried out at various locations along the project. It will also be necessary to restrict traffic flow at times with traffic control in place to manage the traffic. Road users are asked to proceed with care through this worksite and to comply with all temporary signposting and traffic control measures.

Please allow extra time for your journeys. You can check current road works and traffic conditions on LiveTraffic.com. Message boards will also be placed along the highway to notify road users of significant work taking place.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience while this important work is taking place.

Christmas site closures

There will be no construction work carried out on the Pacific Highway upgrade between the Oxley Highway and Kempsey from Monday 22 December to Sunday 4 January (inclusive). Standby crews will be available during this time.

There will be construction work at the Sancrox interchange during the Christmas period, excluding public holidays, but there will be no impact on the Pacific Highway through traffic.

Changes to Pacific Highway access from Sancrox and Fernbank Creek roads

In order to build two of the roundabouts included in the Sancrox interchange project, temporary detours off Fernbank Creek Road and Sancrox Road will be in place from **early January to April 2015**, weather permitting. Temporarily diverting traffic off these local roads will allow us to:

- Reduce the construction time to minimise this impact on road users
- Ensure safe separation between traffic and heavy machinery
- Reduce the environmental impact.

Access to local businesses near the intersections of Sancrox and Fernbank Creek Road to the Pacific Highway will be maintained from the highway. Full emergency access to the Pacific Highway will also be maintained. These temporary closures will not affect Pacific Highway through traffic.

For more information about the road closures see the project website:

rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/northern-nsw/port-macquarie-to-coffs-harbour/oxley-highway-to-kempsey/sancrox-interchange.html

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