Permanent traffic changes at Harwood for Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade. Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the upgrade.

The Woolgoolga to Ballina project team has almost completed work on the new local road between Harwood Mill Road and the Pacific Highway. Traffic will be permanently moved onto the new road from Tuesday 25 September, weather permitting. Once the new local road opens, the access between Watts Lane East and the Pacific Highway will be permanently closed.

We have included a map to show the location of this traffic change.

This new traffic arrangement is permanent and will allow Roads and Maritime to maintain capacity on the road network while the project team safely builds the Pacific Highway upgrade. The new local road goes around the Harwood Cricket Ground and connects the existing Pacific Highway to Harwood Mill Road. This traffic arrangement will provide an important local road connection for Harwood.

How we manage our work
The project team will use machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. To manage this work we will:

- Turn-off machinery when not in use
- Direct temporary lighting down and away from homes
- Plan activities close to residents to coincide with normal working hours where possible
- Fit equipment with devices to minimise noise, particularly reversing squawkers
- Monitor noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust the work activity as required.

All work will be carried out in line with the project’s Conditions of Approval and Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Approved construction hours

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In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work, extended work hours are allowed between 6am and 7am and 6pm and 7pm from Monday to Friday. No work will be carried on Sunday or a public holiday.

Work outside of normal construction hours
To complete the traffic change, work is required outside normal construction hours for technical reasons and planned between 6pm and 7am for up to six nights from Monday 17 September.
Building next to, over and on existing roads, means traffic may be stopped or reduced to one lane while work is carried out. By working at night, delays are minimised and journey times for motorists are less affected.

For work that measure below five decibels at residential properties or if it is needed for technical reasons, the project team is only required to notify the community.

Traffic changes
To manage queuing and safety, there will be some temporary traffic changes and lane closures that may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. Motorists are encouraged to remember PAC – Plan, Awareness, Caution. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW app.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this important work.