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Start of early work for the new Harwood Bridge

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the \$4.36 billion Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade. As part of the project, early work for the new Harwood Bridge is starting in the Clarence River.

In late August 2016, vital early work to provide important information for the design of the new bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood will start.

Activities will include drilling and investigation work to confirm that ground conditions will support the 1.5 kilometre long, four lane bridge.

Investigations and early work will involve drilling about 72 boreholes with 26 proposed to be drilled from a barge on the Clarence River.

The barge will be used to transport a drilling rig, which will be used to drill the required boreholes.

Work will be carried out along the route of the new bridge, about 20 metres east of the existing Harwood Bridge, through to early next year weather permitting. Work will start on the northern side of the Clarence River and move across to the southern bank.



A barge and geotechnical drill equipment

How will this work affect you?

There will be a channel open at all times for marine users. Operators should use care when navigating near the work and reduce speed to four knots when within 100 metres of the work barge.

Temporary navigational restrictions will be in place for the duration of the work and the barge will display an all-round white light, and flashing orange lights to indicate its location at night.

Strict environmental controls will be in place while work is carried out. It is not expected there will be noise or vibration impacts associated with this work.

Work will be carried out in line with the project's approved working hours – between 7am and 6pm on weekdays, and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays.

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For more information about the work please contact the project team on 1800 778 900, email W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au or visit the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B.



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