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## **Temporary closure of local access road between the Pacific Highway and Morpeth Street, Harwood for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade**

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

The Woolgoolga to Ballina upgrade has existing connections with local roads, many of which will be changed as the project team continues to build the new highway.

To build sections of the new Harwood interchange, the local access road between the highway and Morpeth Street will be temporarily closed from Monday 30 July for up to five weeks, weather permitting.

### **What work will we do?**

This work involves:

- Removing the traffic island at the intersection of the local access road and the Pacific Highway
- Removing the northbound acceleration lane on the Pacific Highway from the local access road
- Building a new northbound right turn deceleration lane for the new road connecting to Harwood Mill Road
- Connecting Harwood Mill Road to the current Pacific Highway with a new road which passes under the new bridge over the Clarence River.

Once reopened to traffic, the intersection of the new road and the Pacific Highways will provide the full range of movements including left in, left out, right in and right out. These improvements are part of the final design for the upgrade in this area.

### **How will this work affect you?**

During this temporary closure, there will be a detour in place via Watts Lane. We have included a map to show the detour route. The detour will only add up to a few minutes to motorists' travel times.

Additionally, the project team will need to carry out some work at night.

### **Work hours**

Typically work will be carried out during the project's approved construction hours which are:



**7am – 6pm Monday – Friday**  
**8am – 5pm Saturdays**

The project team needs to carry out work outside of normal construction hours for two nights from Monday 30 July and two nights at the end of the closure, weather permitting. This work is to connect the improved intersection to the existing Pacific Highway.

This work is required at night for technical reasons including:

- **Traffic** – 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.
- **Safety** – making it safer for motorists and workers when we are building next to roads by reducing interaction between these two groups.

We will contact residents to confirm the timing of activities, as required. Some of these activities will include using machinery which generates noise however we will minimise impacts by:

- Directing temporary lighting down and away from homes
- Planning activities close to residents to coincide with normal working hours where possible
- Turning off machinery when it is not in use
- Fitting equipment with devices to minimise noise, particularly reversing squawkers
- Monitoring noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust the work activity as required.

### **What out of normal construction hours work will we do?**

Activities include:

- Temporarily closing access to the highway and the road between Morpeth Street and the Pacific Highway
- Installing temporary steel traffic barriers
- Resurfacing and pavement work
- Painting new line marking
- Reopening access to the Pacific Highway from Morpeth Street.

### **Traffic management**

The project team has been working with bus companies on the temporary closure of access between the Pacific Highway and Morpeth Street. Bus services will follow the same detour as shown on the map.

This closure and reduced speed limits may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

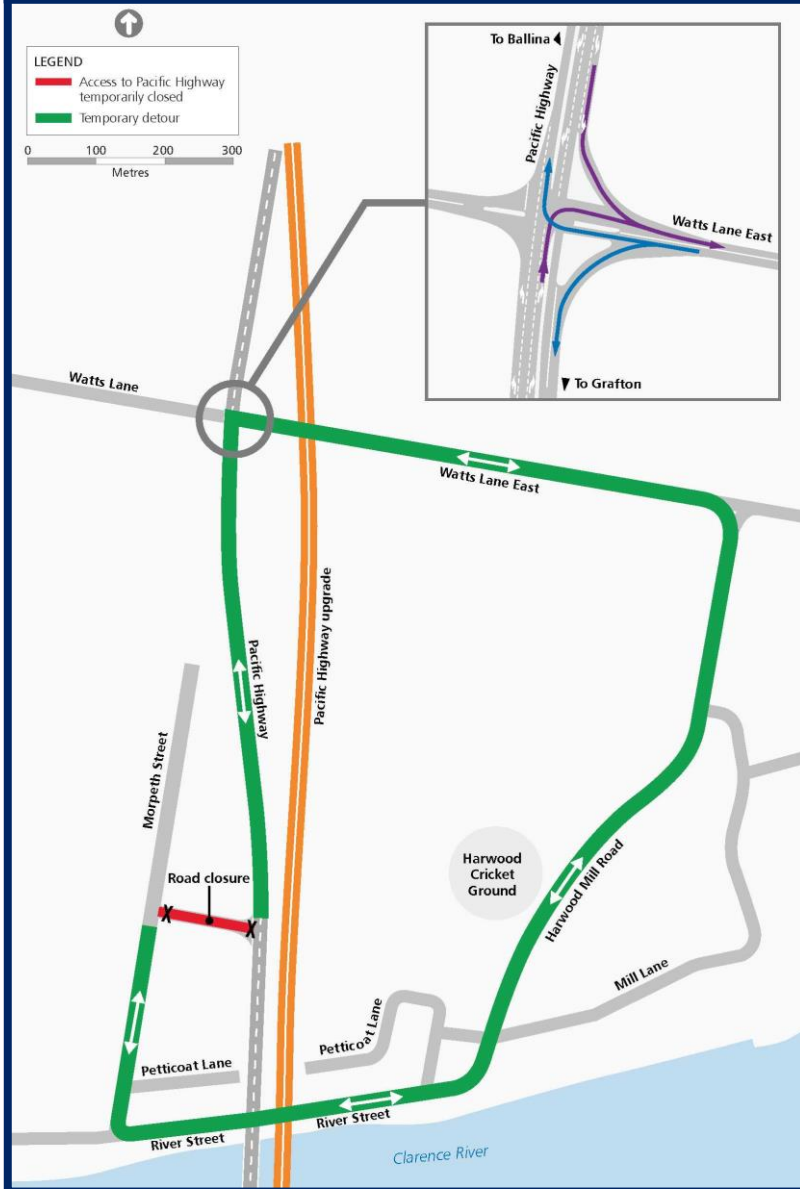
### **For more information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Woolgoolga to Ballina project toll free line on 1800 778 900 dial 1, [W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au](mailto:W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au) or visit the project website [rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B](http://rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B).

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

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## Temporary closure of highway access at Morpeth Street, Harwood and detour



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