

March 2017

Start of work – Lumleys Hill site compound Wardell Road, Wardell

The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the \$4.36 billion Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade. Roads and Maritime Services Pacific Highway Office and Pacific Complete are working together to deliver the project.

As part of the project, we asked for your feedback on building and working at a site compound at Wardell Road, and at a batch plant and borrow site at Lumleys Hill, Wardell. We have included a map to show the site location.

Consultation outcomes

In October 2016, the community was invited to consider the proposed project site compound, batch plant and borrow site. We received comments from 30 people and organisations about the proposal. The project team was also invited to a meeting with some residents in the Meerschaum Vale area, who raised their concerns and received more information about the proposals and the project. This meeting was held 25 February 2017.

We appreciate the community's patience while the project team reviewed and prepared responses to show our plans to reduce impacts based on this feedback. Roads and Maritime has responded directly to those who provided feedback.

Site compound update

Roads and Maritime will seek to build a site compound at Wardell Road, however, we will not be using Hillside Lane for access as part of this work. The site compound will be operational by mid-2017, weather permitting and is proposed to be operational for about three years. It will be rehabilitated after the project is complete, in line with the project's Conditions of Approval.

Concrete batch site update

Roads and Maritime appreciates the feedback it has received through the consultation process on the proposed operation of a concrete batch plant at Lumleys Hill.

Roads and Maritime has decided not to build the batch plant for the initial phase of construction. Concrete for this work will be provided from an off-site location and will be transported to the site via trucks.

A batch plant will be needed at this location, for about a year, as part of the second phase of construction due to the requirement for concrete operations to be in close proximity to the work. We will seek to operate a concrete batch plant from mid-2018 to mid-2019 with building on site expected to start in early-2018 and demobilisation to finish in late-2019.

Borrow site update

Roads and Maritime will seek to operate a borrow site at Lumleys Hill. We will use the site to supply quarry material for building the new road for about three years. The project team will ensure that the site is rehabilitated after the project is complete, in line with the project's Conditions of Approval.

The project team will be producing management plans for the site compound, batch plant and borrow site. These will each be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for approval. They will be reviewed against the Minister's Conditions of Approval to determine compliance.

Subsequent to feedback received, the Woolgoolga to Ballina team has committed to review the extent of low noise wearing surface on this section of the highway. The project team will keep the community informed about the review process.

Roads and Maritime will continue to work with the community and stakeholders to mitigate and manage impacts of the work it needs to carry out to build the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

A copy of the consultation report relating to the proposal is available on the project website at rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B.

How will the work affect you?

Excavation will be used to extract the material from Lumleys Hill. There is a possibility that blasting may be required and if so, further consultation will be carried out. We will manage any noise and dust, ensuring minimal impact to the community. Mitigation measures will include water spraying to increase the moisture content of the material, making sure equipment is serviced and maintained, placing stockpiled materials in mounds to help reduce noise. We will also carry out noise and dust monitoring in accordance with the project's approved plans.

Koala management measures

As part of the project's Conditions of Approval, we will implement measures outlined in the Koala Management Plan through pre-construction and construction, including:

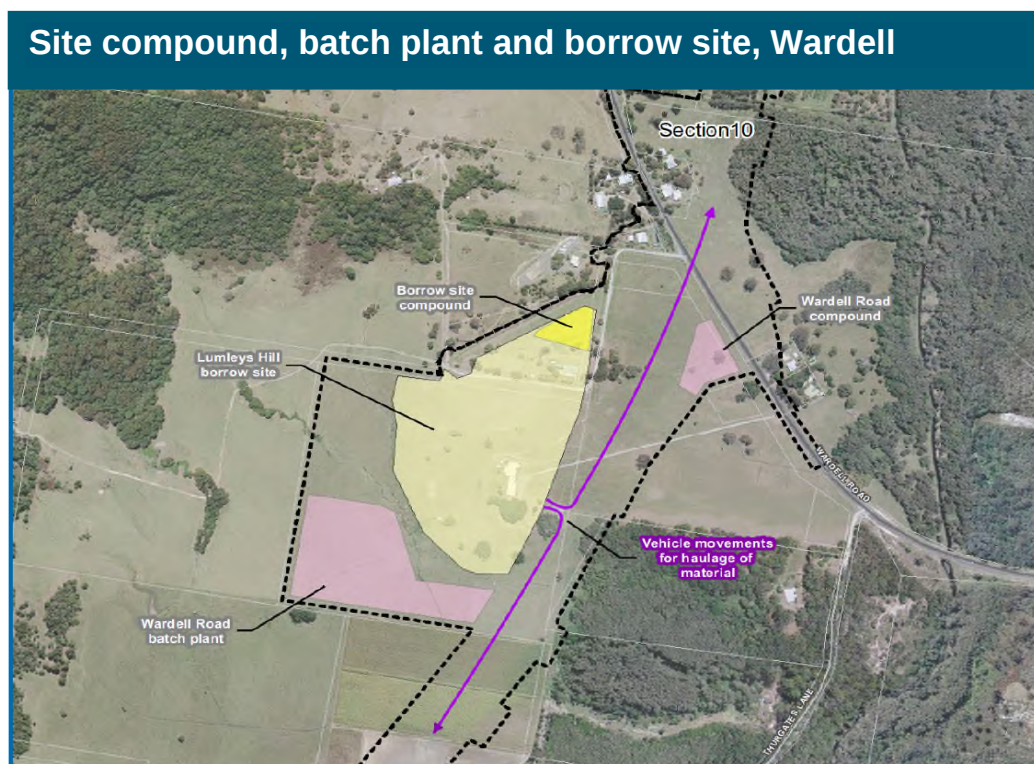
- conducting baseline Koala surveys
 - preparing a Koala fencing strategy
 - conducting pre-clearing surveys
 - identifying sensitive ancillary areas and access roads
 - developing and implement a predator control policy
 - undertaking phased resource reduction – Section 10 Koala 'hot-spots'
 - seeking approval and implementing an Environmental Work Method Statement
 - implementing the Koala Zero Harm induction and training program
 - installing temporary fauna exclusion fencing
 - installing permanent fauna exclusion fencing
 - developing and implementing pre-clearing and clearing procedures
 - managing Koala/vehicle collisions
 - developing and implementing Koala relocation protocol
 - managing the location of ancillary facilities
 - designing and installing fauna crossing structures
 - revegetating koala habitat
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Upcoming work

Work to be carried out from March 2017, (weather permitting), includes:

- removing isolated pockets of vegetation
- establishing site access
- installing environmental controls and site security, including fencing
- installing offices and staff amenities
- building platforms and start soft soil treatment
- installing machinery and equipment.

All work for the upgrade is regulated by the project's Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) which is approved by the Department of Planning and Environment. The CEMP has strict conditions about managing the project's impact on the environment. We will minimise impacts to residents during this work. Access to residents' properties will be maintained and traffic control will be in place where required.



Work hours

Work will be carried out from 7am to 6pm on weekdays and on Saturdays from 8am to 5pm. We will notify you in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

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 or visit the project website rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B.

Upcoming traffic changes

Workers will use Wardell Road to access the site. As the project progresses vehicles will also travel along the construction corridor. There will be up to 300 heavy vehicle movements and up to 100 light vehicle movements per day at peak on Wardell Road for the project.



300 truck movements per
day during peak periods



100 car movements per
day during peak periods

* Expected vehicle movements (one vehicle travelling in and out of the site is two movements)

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic app.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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