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Proposed temporary asphalt batch plant at Woombah 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.

To build the upgrade, the project team will be establishing batch plants along the 155 kilometre route. These sites will have different functions and will support the building of the new road.

The project team is proposing to build a temporary asphalt batch plant at Woombah. The batch plant would be located on the eastern side of the existing highway about 700 metres north of the old Iluka Road turnoff. A map has been provided to show the proposed location of the temporary asphalt batch plant.

This facility would make asphalt for the upgrade between Maclean and Devils Pulpit. Batch plants are facilities where raw materials are brought in, mixed together and then loaded into trucks and transported to site for use.

If approved, we would start building this site in July, with the batch plant operational by mid-August 2018. This site is proposed to be operational for about two and a half years with the land to be rehabilitated after completion in line with the project's conditions of approval.

What to expect

The batch plant would involve the building and operation of:

- Temporary offices with amenities for staff
- Car and truck parking areas
- Storage and stockpiling areas for equipment and materials
- Temporary batch plant for making asphalt.

Key activities:

- Building – installing environmental controls, building the site, the parking areas, operating plant and equipment
- Operation – staff parking, operating machinery, material and equipment storage, stockpiling, delivery of materials, making asphalt, transporting asphalt for use on the upgrade
- Removal and rehabilitation – removal of buildings, car park and stockpiles, reinstating the area, landscaping and rehabilitation.



Temporary batch plant at Avenue Road, Pillar Valley for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade

How would the temporary batch plant impact you

Access to the proposed batch plant would be via the new Garretts Lane East diversion road. Traffic would then travel north over Iluka Road onto the Old Pacific Highway and into the site. There would be up to 500 heavy vehicle movements and 100 light vehicle movements per day at peak.



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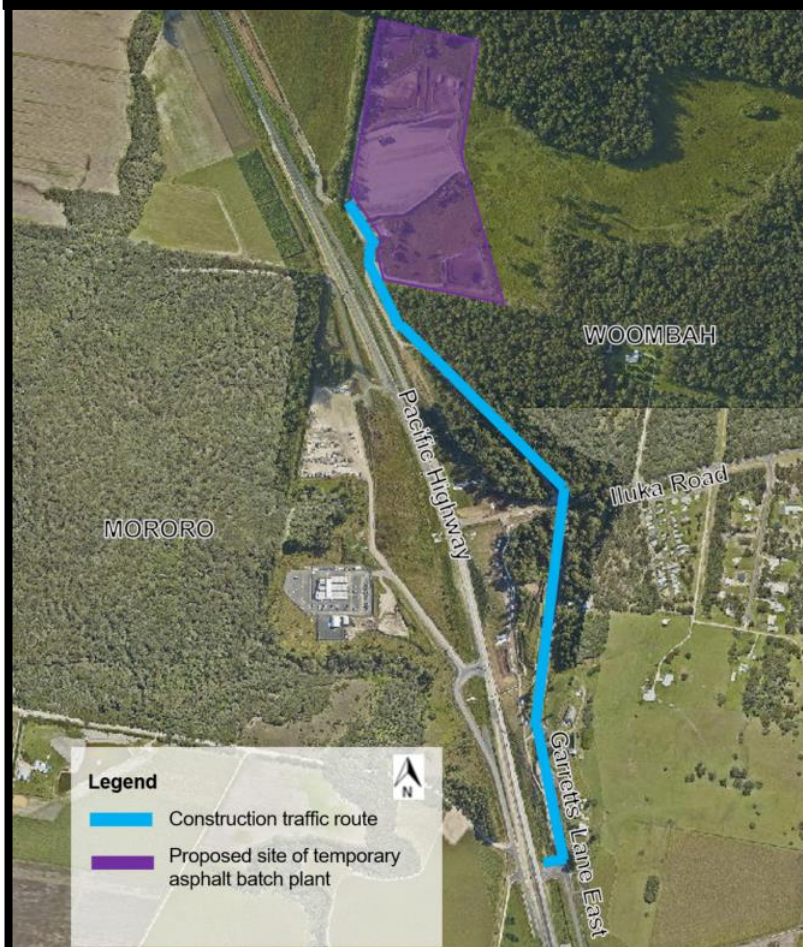
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* Expected vehicle movements (one vehicle travelling in and out of the site is two movements)

During this work, impacts including noise and dust may occur. The project team would use proven environmental management and mitigation methods to minimise these impacts during our work. Some of the measures we use to minimise dust and noise include:

- Spraying water for dust suppression
- Applying dust binding agents to cover stock piles and mounds during construction
- Monitoring air quality and noise
- Positioning noise generating plant and equipment away from residential properties, where practicable
- Service and maintain plant and equipment so they are in good working order
- Minimising the number of plant and equipment operating at the same time
- Use natural features and site structures to help mitigate noise.

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Work hours

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



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

In areas where residents live more than 200 metres from the work area, extended work hours are allowed between 6am and 7am and 6pm and 7pm from Monday to Friday.

Additionally, work outside of normal construction hours is also allowed where the impact to residents is predicted to be low, including no greater increase in noise levels than 5 decibels above the existing background noise level.

The batch plant would need to be operational whenever asphaltting work is required on the road. To minimise the impact on the Pacific Highway and ensure the work sites are safe, some of this work would be carried out at night. The temporary batch plant would need to operate at night to support these activities. Residents would be notified in advance of this taking place.

Have your say

We are seeking your feedback on the proposed building and operation of the temporary asphalt batch plant at Woombah. To have your say, please fill out the attached feedback form by **Wednesday 18 July 2018**.

You can return it by:

- **Email:** W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au
- **Post:** Communications, PO Box 546, Grafton NSW 2460

Alternatively, you can provide your feedback over the phone by calling **1800 778 900 (toll free)**.

Next steps

The project team will consider your feedback as part of the assessment of the proposed temporary batch plant at Woombah. This will also assist us to manage any concerns you may have.

More information

For more information about the project, please contact us on 1800 778 900, dial 1, email W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au or visit the project website at rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B.



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