Temporary traffic changes on Chatsworth Island

Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

As part of building the upgrade, there will be temporary traffic changes on the Pacific Highway and Serpentine Channel North Bank Road, Chatsworth Island from November, weather permitting.

At this time, traffic will be temporarily moved onto about four kilometres of the future northbound carriageway, one lane in each direction between Serpentine Channel and Carrolls Lane, Chatsworth Island.
As part of this work, the intersection of Serpentine Channel North Bank Road and the Pacific Highway will temporarily close to allow the future southbound carriageway to be built.

Local access will be maintained by a new intersection and link road at Ryans Lane, which will provide access to Chatsworth Road South and Serpentine Channel North Bank Road via the new overpass bridge.

The new Ryans Lane and Pacific Highway intersection includes acceleration and deceleration lanes for north and south-bound motorists and temporary signage will be in place to assist with wayfinding.

Motorists will be kept informed about dates for these changes through electronic message signs along the highway and livetraffic.com.au

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 to minimise noise from reversing vehicles
- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences

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

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

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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 out on Sunday or a public holiday.

Work outside of approved construction hours
To complete this traffic change, work is required outside approved construction hours for technical reasons. This work is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to five nights at several locations, including the northern and southern tie-ins to the existing highway for asphalting, line marking and barrier relocation, weather permitting.

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.

Traffic changes
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.