Temporary traffic changes Pacific Highway, Tuckombil Road and Wondawee Way, Woodburn

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 Woodburn interchange, there will be temporary traffic changes on the Pacific Highway, Tuckombil Road and local roads between Wondawee Way and Trustums Hill Road, Woodburn, in August and September, weather permitting.

Local road accesses will be maintained and motorists will be kept informed about dates for these traffic changes by electronic message signs and on livetraffic.com.au.
The following traffic changes will occur between August and September:

- The southern intersection of Tuckombil Road and the Pacific Highway, near Gap Road, will temporarily re-open in August. Access to Tuckombil, Brickella, Sharpe and Gap roads will be by this intersection, which will include acceleration and deceleration lanes for north and south-bound motorists.

- The intersection of Wondawee Way and the Pacific Highway will close in mid-August. Access to Wondawee Way will be by Trustums Hill Road, which will be temporarily connected to a new service road and the western roundabout of the future Woodburn interchange.

- All Pacific Highway motorists will be temporarily moved from the existing Pacific Highway onto a new section of road in late August/early September.

These changes will allow us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to build the upgrade and the interchange.

Temporary signage will be in place to assist with wayfinding and residents affected by these changes will be contacted directly.

**Gap Road rest area closure**

From late August/ early September the Gap Road rest area on Tuckombil Road will permanently close. Alternative rest areas for motorists travelling north and south include:

- Wardell rest area (about 26 kilometres north)
- Bundjalung Devils Pulpit rest area (about 24 kilometres south)

A temporary southbound stopping bay, with capacity for five heavy vehicles, has been built south of the Woodburn interchange overpass bridge.

**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
- fit equipment with devices to minimise noise, particularly reversing squawkers
- plan activities close to residents to coincide with normal construction hours, where possible
- monitor noise so we can manage any potential impacts and adjust our work as required

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 on Sunday or a public holiday.

**Work outside of approved construction hours**

To complete the temporary traffic changes, work is required outside approved construction hours for technical reasons. This work is planned between 6pm and 7am for up to six nights at several locations at
the northern and southern tie-ins to the existing highway, for line marking, barrier and signage installation, 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**
To manage queuing and safety, there will be some temporary traffic changes and lane closures that may affect travel times. 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.

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