



Australian Government



# Pacific Highway upgrade

Achievement report **January / February 2019**



Maclean and Yamba Interchange looking north towards Harwood

# Overview of the upgrade



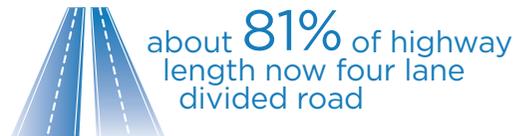
## Pacific Highway upgrade

This report will provide you with information about Pacific Highway upgrade projects, including the current status and key activities.

As of 28 February 2019, about 81 per cent of the final 657 kilometre length of the Pacific Highway is four lane divided road. The remaining kilometres are all in major construction and are on schedule to open before or during 2020.

To help keep you moving while we build the upgrade, we've made a number of changes to the road environment including shifting traffic onto new sections of pavement and lifting girders over the highway to build new overpass bridges.

Progress on our three major bridges continued with the last deck poured for the new bridge over the Richmond River, ride quality tested for the new bridge over the Clarence and all precast girders delivered for the new bridge at Shark Creek.



\* including workers not on site working across the whole Woolgoolga to Ballina project

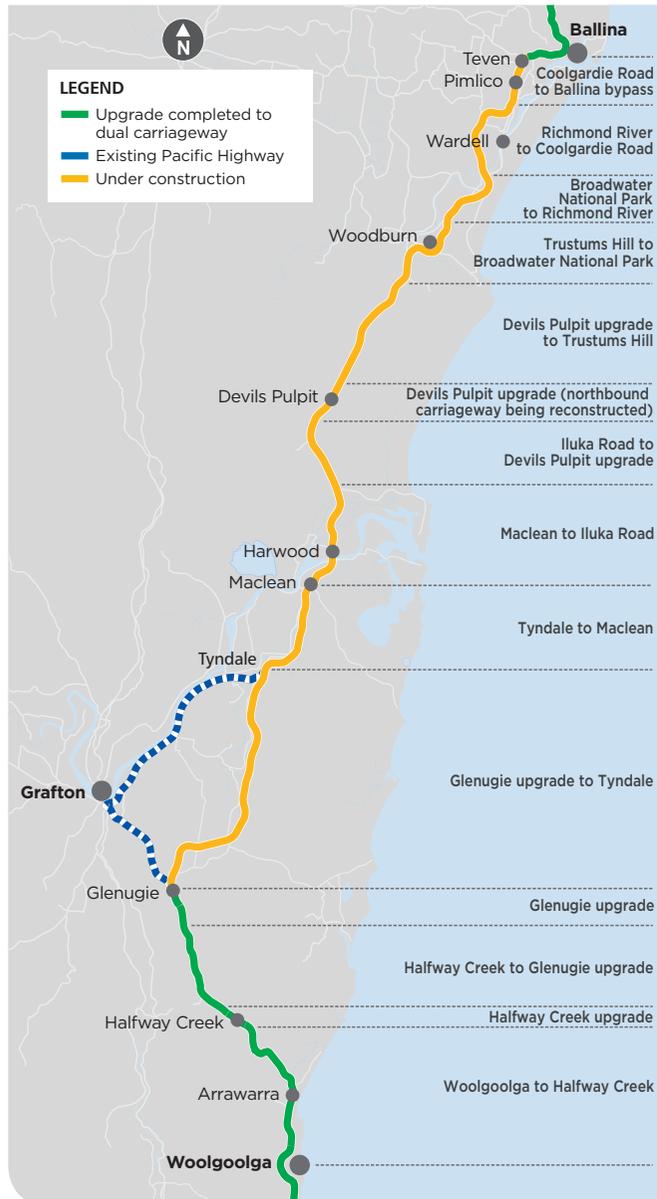
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# Woolgoolga to Ballina

The 155 kilometre upgrade between Woolgoolga and Ballina is the last highway link between Hexham and the Queensland border to be upgraded to four lanes. 26 kilometres opened in 2017 and the remaining sections are due to open before or during 2020.

The project was approved by the NSW Minister for Planning in June 2014 and the Federal Minister for the Environment in August 2014. When complete the project will provide a four lane divided road from the northern end of the Woolgoolga bypass to the southern end of the Ballina bypass. The project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments. Roads and Maritime Services, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the project.

# Woolgoolga to Ballina



## Woolgoolga to Ballina

### Overview for January and February 2019

- Work is continuing on the approaches to the new bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood
- Nine traffic changes were carried out, including moving traffic onto the northbound lanes between Maclean and Yamba while work to build the southbound lanes continues
- Paving has progressed to 24 per cent complete.

### Successes / achievements for January / February 2019

- In late January the final deck segment was placed at Emigrant Creek bridge. This is the only balanced cantilever bridge on the upgrade
- 98 per cent of vegetation removal is now complete.



Emigrant Creek bridge, part of the Broadwater to Ballina bypass section of the upgrade

### Environment

- Focus on dust management during the driest January on record
- 17,000 new plants have been planted between Broadwater and Ballina. These include eucalypts and native grasses planted as young plants and, despite the dry conditions, continue to show good growth.

### Stakeholder and community engagement

- The project team were available to talk to the community at a number of local events in Ballina, Evans Head, New Italy, Yamba and Maclean
- A Facebook post, providing an update about the new bridge over the Richmond River reached more than 55,000 people #Woolgoolga2Ballina
- Consultation about a temporary asphalt plant at McIntyres Lane, Gulmarrad, including two community drop in sessions and notification distribution to about 1100 residents.

### Upcoming milestones

- The southbound offramp and roundabout of the Iluka east interchange will open to traffic in March 2019
- From March to May 2019 there are 17 traffic changes planned along the alignment and some local roads to ensure the safety of workers and the traveling public as construction activities continue.

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# Woolgoolga to Ballina



## Glenugie to Maclean



Carriageways sealed and ready for paving to start, looking north towards Maclean, Shark Creek



Traffic travelling on new road south of Eight Mile Lane, Glenugie



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# Woolgoolga to Ballina



## Maclean to Devils Pulpit



Piling has started on a number of bridges within the floodplain at Chatsworth Island



Continuing to monitor soft soil settlement at the Yamba interchange, looking west



Foam bitumen paving between Maclean and Yamba interchange was completed in January 2019



Preparing for a traffic change, looking north at the new carriageway between Maclean and Yamba interchange



4 days  
lost to wet  
weather



408 average number  
workers on site



119 average number of pieces  
of machinery on site



about  
66%  
complete



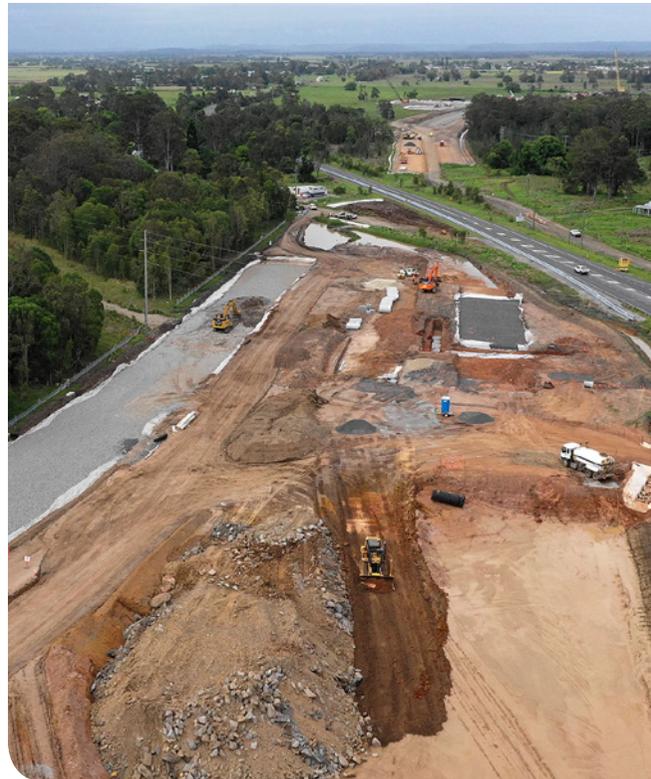
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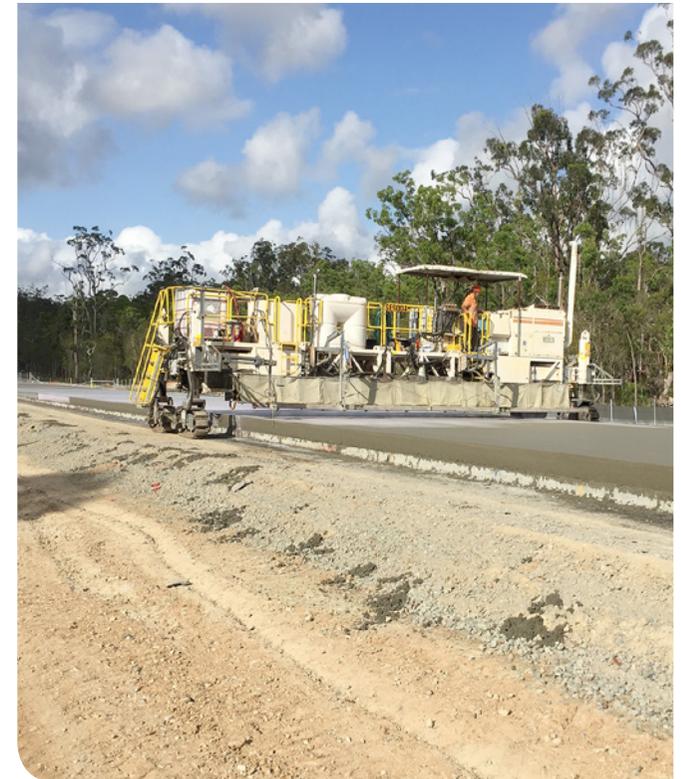
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## Devils Pulpit to Broadwater



Building the Woodburn interchange, looking north to Tuckombil Road, Woodburn



Base paving of the new carriageway being carried out at Tabbimoble



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# Woolgoolga to Ballina



## Broadwater to Ballina bypass



Overbridge girders installed as part of building the Coolgardie interchange and paving continuing



Emigrant Creek bridge before the final stitch pour, connecting the two sides of the deck, completed in January 2019



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# Woolgoolga to Ballina



## New bridge over the Clarence River at Harwood



Safety barriers on northbound and southbound lanes of the bridge installed



Precast yard removal underway at Harwood



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## New bridge over the Richmond River at Broadwater



Barges which were in place for piling activities for the new bridge are being demobilised



Concrete pour in progress



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