**Temporary traffic change on Blackwall Drive and Coolgardie Road at Pimlico**

Transport for NSW, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade.

From September, once the Pacific Motorway is open to traffic, there will be temporary traffic changes on Blackwall Drive and Coolgardie Road, Pimlico. This work is expected to take about three months to complete, weather permitting.

As part of this work, access to Coolgardie Road between Blackwall Drive and Pimlico Road will temporarily close. Access to Pimlico Road will be via Fitzroy Street, Wardell.

This new traffic arrangement will allow us to maintain capacity on the road network while we safely continue to connect the eastern roundabout of the Coolgardie interchange, including realigning Coolgardie Road. This work will include asphalting, line marking, fencing and street light and signage installation.

Access to the Pacific Motorway, for north and southbound motorists will be via Kays Road and the Coolgardie interchange.
Motorists will be kept informed about dates for these traffic changes through electronic message signs and on livetraffic.com.au.

At this time, a permanent koala grid will be installed across Coolgardie Road east, as part of the Koala Management Plan and Connectivity Strategy for the upgrade. It will connect into fauna fencing, controlling koala movement near the Pacific Motorway to safe fauna connectivity structures. The project team will also install a self-closing gate next to the grid, maintaining pedestrian and cyclist access while creating a fully closed system.

The koala grid is similar to a standard cattle grid, however, it is modified with rounded steel pipes.

**How we manage our work**

The project team will use machinery that generates noise, light and vibration. To manage this work we will:

- direct temporary lighting down and away from homes
- locate equipment such as generators as far as possible from residences
- turn-off machinery when not in use
- plan activities to minimise noise from reversing vehicles
- monitor noise and implement further mitigation measures, if required

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

**Work hours**

*Construction hours extended during Coronavirus outbreak*

- Monday to Sunday between 7am and 6pm
- Public holidays between 7am and 6pm

*Additional out of hours work will continue to follow the existing approval and community notification process.*

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.
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.