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Coffs Harbour bypass nightwork on the Pacific Highway, Korora

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project. The bypass will boost the regional economy and improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

As part of major construction, the Coffs Harbour bypass project is carrying out night work along the Pacific Highway between Charlesworth Bay Road and north of Campbell Close, Korora.

Work on the western side and northbound carriageway of the Pacific Highway will be:

- Removing vegetation from Old Coast Road to Opal Boulevard
- Updating linemarking and signs from Charlesworth Bay Drive to north of Campbell Close
- Installing concrete barriers from Old Coast Road to north of Campbell Close
- Testing and chlorinating new watermain pipes from Bruxner Park Road to Old Coast Road.
- Removing overhead power lines and poles from Bruxner Park Road to Campbell Close

Work on the eastern side and southbound carriageway of the Pacific Highway will be:

- Updating linemarking and signs from Opal Boulevard to Charlesworth Bay Drive.

To carry out updating of signs and linemarking and installing barriers, there will be a single lane closure on the northbound carriageway of the Pacific Highway between Charlesworth Bay Drive and Campbell Close, and on the southbound carriageway of the Pacific Highway between Opal Boulevard and Charlesworth Bay Road. Access to local roads and private properties will be maintained during this work.

To minimise impact to traffic and ensure the safety of motorists, community and our workers, the work on the Pacific Highway carriageways will be carried out over **three nights on Monday 24, Tuesday 25 and Thursday 26 July 2023** between **7pm to 6am**. If rain interrupts this work, it will be completed the following week.

Out of hours vegetation removal on the western side of the Pacific Highway between Old Coast Road and Opal Boulevard will be carried out over **three nights on Monday 31 July, Tuesday 1 and Thursday 3 August 2023** between **7pm to 6am**. If rain interrupts this work, it will be completed the following week.

Out of hours watermain work will be carried out over **three continuous days and nights** between **Monday 24 July to Monday 14 August**.

Out of hours overhead power line and pole removal will be carried out over **three consecutive weekends** from **Saturday 5 August** to **Sunday 20 August** between 8am to 6pm on Saturday and Sunday. A single lane closure on the northbound carriageway of the Pacific Highway between Bruxner Park Road and Campbell Close will be required for these works.

New speed limit on the Pacific Highway

Changes to signage and linemarking is being for **the long-term, temporary road work speed reduction to 60km/h** on this section of the Pacific Highway. This new speed limit will be operating from **late July 2023** for about three years.

Road work speed limits will be in place throughout construction of the bypass. Motorists must obey these reduced speed limits at all times for the safety of all road users, the community and workers. For more information about the importance of motorists' driving to speed limits and conditions, read Transport for NSW's Centre for Road Safety speed factsheet at www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au/coffsharbourbypass.

Removing vegetation

The project follows strict protocols for tree removal near waterways to minimise disturbance and the potential erosion of creek beds. A two stage process is also undertaken to reduce impacts on native animals and relocate threatened plants. This process includes clearly marking out environmental protection exclusion zones that will not be impacted and the areas where vegetation will be removed. This staged method has been successfully used on previous Transport for NSW projects.

The project will not be removing vegetation or impacting the Korora Nature Reserve.

Restoring landscape and habitat

Extensive landscaping and revegetation work covering about 150 hectares, at this stage, will be carried out as part of the project. Revegetation includes koala habitat over Roberts Hill and Gatelys Road tunnels and under the bypass at Jordans Creek. This work will connect bushland from the escarpment to the low lying areas of Coffs Harbour creating a significant fauna corridor. Other proposed revegetation will include areas of rainforest and native species. Details will be included in the Place Design and Landscape Plan which the project team will be placing on public display later this year for feedback.

The project will protect roughly 300 hectares of natural habitat through biodiversity offsets including in the Coffs Basin, and Jordans Creek area next to the alignment and Upper Kalang, just west of Urunga. We have also contributed more than \$270,000 to NSW Biodiversity Conservation division for research into the management of Myrtle Rust and its impacts on the Scrub Turpentine species.



Reusing timber

As part of the vegetation removal process, all trees are assessed to be used for merchantable timber, the project's furniture within and adjacent to fauna crossings, as rootballs to create aquatic habitat in creeks and help stabilise creek banks or as mulch for project erosion and sediment controls.

More information about this work can be found in the project's Vegetation removal and landscape and habitat factsheet at www.pacifichighway.nsw.gov.au/coffsharbourbypass.

How will the work affect you?

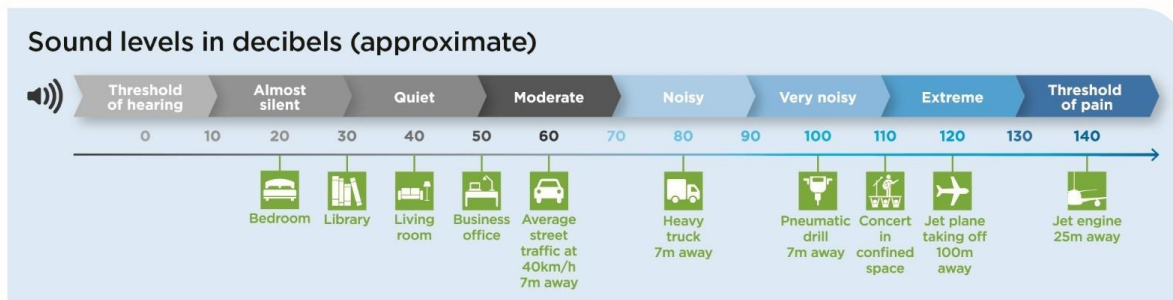
The work will involve:

- Removing and installing road line marking requires a water blaster and truck
- Removing and installing road signs requires a vacuum truck in some locations
- Installing barriers requires an excavator and semi-trailers with cranes
- Removing vegetation requires excavators, chainsaws and mulcher, with the mulcher only operating during standard construction hours
- Testing and chlorinating watermains requires a petrol pump and hand tools
- All night work will involve light vehicles and light towers and traffic control for work along the Pacific Highway.

To minimise noise impacts, we will switch off vehicles and equipment when not in use and do work closer to residential properties earlier in the night shifts.

Updating signs and linemarking and installing barriers will be done progressively, meaning the noise and work impacts will be short in any one area. The predicted noise levels for this night work is expected to be quiet to moderate. The next figure explains these noise levels.

Comparison of sound levels



During night work, there will be speed reductions, lane closures and traffic control on the highway to ensure the safety of workers and motorists. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App

Safety

Coffs Harbour bypass is continuing major construction with active working sites across the alignment. We have started, and will continue, to be using large plant and equipment across our sites as well as carrying out controlled blasting, hammering and drilling. For the safety of the community and our workers, access to the bypass construction site is restricted to authorised personnel only. Members of the public should not enter any Coffs Harbour bypass construction site at any time.

Standard construction hours

The standard construction hours for the project are:

- **Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm**
- **Saturday from 8am to 1pm.**

Looking Ahead

Upcoming construction work in this area includes:

- Removing vegetation within the project boundary both during standard construction hours and outside of construction hours along the western side of the Pacific Highway between Bruxner Park Road and south of Kororo Nature Reserve from August
- Removing vegetation within the project boundary both during standard construction hours and outside of construction hours along the western side of the Pacific Highway between Opal Boulevard and north of Campbell Close from August
- Continuing to build the extension of Russ Hammond Close into Korora School Road until mid-August

- Temporarily closing Campbell Close at the Pacific Highway with and new building build north of the current one later this year.
- Trenching and under-boring on the western side of the Pacific Highway between Old Coast Road and Bruxner Park Road will continue until September 2023
- Removing vegetation along the Pacific Highway and with the project's boundary between Old Coast Road and Campbell Close from July to October 2023.

To minimise disruptions to motorists and ensure the safety of our workers, further work outside of standard construction hours will be required on the Pacific Highway. During the next three months, this work is expected to include removing vegetation, installing drainage and fencing, and carrying out earthwork.

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we build this important project which will boost the efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

Contact

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