



August 2023

Construction work along 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 work along the Pacific Highway from Bruxner Park Road to north of Campbell Close, Korora. This work will mainly be during standard construction hours but will also include some work outside of these hours.

Work along the western side of the Pacific Highway and on the northbound and southbound carriageways will include:

- Removing vegetation between Bruxner Park Road and Campbell Close
- Continuing installing concrete traffic barriers from Old Coast Road to north of Campbell Close
- Adjustments to wire rope traffic safety barrier about 500m north of Campbell Close
- Building a new intersection for temporary relocation of Campbell Close and Pacific Highway intersection
- Removal of the median strip between James Small Drive southern entrance and Old Coast Road.

To minimise impact to traffic and ensure the safety of motorists, community and our workers, the work along the Pacific Highway and the vegetation removal will be carried out up to **four nights per week** from **Monday 14 August 2023** until **Monday 2 October 2023** between **7pm to 6am**. During this period there will be no more than two consecutive nights of work. If weather interrupts, work will continue during the following week.

Installing traffic barriers and wire rope safety barrier, removing vegetation and median strip along with building the new Campbells Close intersection will enable the project team to progress construction activities including earthworks, drainage, and building bridges.

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 clearing process is also undertaken to reduce impacts on native animals. This process includes clearly marking out environmental protection exclusion zones that will not be impacted and the areas where vegetation will be removed.

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

Installing traffic barriers and wire rope traffic safety barrier

To install traffic barriers and wire rope traffic safety barriers, there will be a single lane closure on the Pacific Highway northbound carriageway between Old Coast Road and Campbell Close. Access to local roads and private properties will be maintained.

Temporary long-term relocation of Campbell Close access

To enable the project to build the new northbound carriageway for the bypass in the Korora area, the team will be temporarily relocating the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Campbell Close. This change will be in place until project completion. There will be a temporary detour in place for this period and access to Campbell Close and private properties will be maintained. The project team will also need to remove a short section of noise wall to create the new temporary access. Nearby residents will be notified separately when this work is going to be carried out.

Removal of the median strip

To prepare for the widening of the Pacific Highway and allowing room for the Solitary Islands Way extension, the project team will remove the median strip between the southern entrance to James Small Drive and Old Coast Road. There will be a single lane closure on the Pacific Highway northbound and southbound carriageways between Old Coast Road and Campbell Close.

How will the work affect you?

Equipment to be used for this work includes:

- Excavators, chainsaws, light and heavy vehicles and mulcher, with the mulcher and the heavy vehicles to remove logs from site only operating during standard construction hours for removing vegetation.
- Excavator and semi-trailers with cranes for removing the median strip and installing barriers and updating wire rope at night
- All night work will involve light towers and traffic control when we are working near 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.

Removing vegetation will be carried out in specific areas until it is completed while 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 moderate to noisy. The figure overleaf explains these noise levels.

Comparison of noise 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

Locations of work



Areas of vegetation removal between Old Coast Road and Opal Boulevard



Vegetation removal near Bruxner Park Road





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:

- Continuing to build the road extension of Russ Hammond Close into Korora School Road until **September 2023**
- Continuing 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 overhead power lines and poles along the Pacific Highway between Bruxner Park Road and Campbell Close with a single lane closure of the northbound highway outside of standard construction hours from **Saturday 12 August to Tuesday 29 August 2023**
- Relocating the intersection of the Pacific Highway and Campbell Close about 500m north of its current position in **mid – late 2023**. This work will include some out of hours construction.

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.

If you would like to be added to our email notification distribution list to receive details of upcoming night work in your area, please send an email to community@chbteam.com.au including your name, contact details and address.

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

If you have any enquiries or complaints, please contact the project team on 1800 550 621 or community@chbteam.com.au

Translating and interpreting service



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 1800 550 621