

# Dignams Creek Princes Highway upgrade

Construction update

October 2018



Looking south west across the new alignment near Dignams Creek

The NSW Government is funding the \$45 million upgrade of the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek to improve road safety and traffic efficiency.

Roads and Maritime Services have appointed a new contractor Fulton Hogan to complete the upgrade. Work remains on track with the overall project now over 70 per cent complete. More than 220,000 cubic metres of earth has been moved across the project. The upgrade is expected to be completed by mid 2019, weather permitting.

## What's happening over the next few months?

- Completion of both Dignams Creek Bridge and Dignams Creek Road Bridge
- Commencement of road pavements
- Continued drainage work along the new alignment
- Completion of the project south of Dignams Creek Road.

## Traffic arrangements

For the safety of road users and our workers changes to traffic conditions remain in place. Motorists are advised to follow the direction of the traffic controllers and signs and keep to the reduced speed limit. Traffic continues to travel on the temporary road and will have a reduced speed limit of 60km/h.

A reduced speed limit of 40km/h will also be in place on Dignams Creek Road. Stop/slow traffic control will be needed at times to keep the work area safe.



## Construction hours

Monday to Friday: 7am – 6pm\*

Saturday: 8am – 1pm\*

\* We will give advance notice of any work outside these hours, including night work.

## Progress in the last three months

- The project is over 70 per cent complete
- Deck and railings for Dignams Creek Bridge have been constructed; the bridge is 90 per cent complete
- Retaining walls for Dignams Creek Road bridge have been constructed; the bridge is 50 per cent complete
- 90 per cent of earthworks and 80 per cent of drainage works are complete
- A new wildlife crossing under the new section of the highway, providing a connection between the national parks has been installed.



Construction work, Dignams Creek Bridge looking south



Looking north over the new alignment from near Dignams Creek

## Supporting the local Aboriginal community

We have been able to provide three young people from the local Aboriginal community a training and employment opportunity as part of the project.

Three Aboriginal trainees have been employed on the project. The new trainees started in May 2018 and have had both on-site and class room training.

Each trainee will complete either a level three or level four certificate and will be qualified in general Civil Construction when the Dignams Creek upgrade is complete. This qualification will support them in furthering their career in construction.

Wrylka said “We are learning something new every day, each day presents a new challenge as I have no past experience in the industry”  
“I am really keen to stay in the industry and continue to develop my skills and be qualified to operate large machinery on construction sites”



Aboriginal Trainees Koorin, Wrylka and Albert

## Community enquiries and feedback



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