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M1 Pacific Motorway Upgrades – Kariong to Somersby

Construction Update – October 2019

The M1 Pacific Motorway Upgrades will provide a better and more reliable journey on one of Australia's busiest roads.

Roads and Maritime Services engaged Fulton Hogan Construction to upgrade the M1 Pacific Motorway between the Kariong and Somersby interchanges. The upgrade involves widening the motorway to three lanes in each direction and widening and extending three of the four ramps at the Kariong interchange.



Artist impression of new gantry signage to be installed over the M1 northbound lanes before the Kariong exit ramp to Gosford

Work recently completed

Major construction is nearing completion along the eight kilometre length of the M1, with the southern section of the project planned to open to traffic in the coming months. Construction highlights over the past few months include:

- Concrete recycling completed in early August, with around 11,000m³ of pavement recycled from the original M1
- Additional street lights were installed at the Kariong off-ramp in September
- Two major stormwater pipes were rehabilitated under four lanes of live traffic
- Landscaping work is under way, with a target of 158,000 native shrubs to be planted by the end of the project
- The final phase of concrete road widening commenced to improve traffic flow and safety on the M1.





Artist impression of the completed northbound off-ramp at Kariong

Making the M1 safer

We will carry out diamond grinding work to provide a safer, smoother road surface. This state of the art technology will:

- Improve ride quality of nearly 200,000m² pavement on the motorway
- Increase sustainability by extending the life of concrete and repairing damaged concrete
- Improve the pavement surface texture which will increase safety and help reduce road noise.



Diamond grinding machine

Improving traffic flow

In the coming months, we are working on reducing queuing during peak travel times by:

- Widening and extending the northbound off-ramp at Kariong and southbound on-ramp to Sydney. Both ramps will be widened to two lanes
- Extending and widening the on-ramp northbound toward Newcastle to two lanes and installing traffic lights at the intersection of Wisemans Ferry Road.

Our work schedule

We will continue to work between 6am and 8pm from Monday to Friday and between 7am and 5pm on Saturday. Some work will take place intermittently at night between 8pm and 5am, Sunday to Friday.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Traffic changes

The reduced 80km/h speed limit remains throughout the construction zone, with narrowed lanes and shoulders, for the safety of all road users and for workers when they are on site. A reduced 40km/h speed limit is in place during night work.

For the latest traffic updates, call 132 701 or visit livetraffic.com or download Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact us

For more information about the M1 upgrade between Kariong and Somersby interchanges, or to join our email or mailing list, please contact our delivery partner, Fulton Hogan:



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