



Fact Sheet

Newell Highway Upgrade, heavy duty pavement upgrade (Narrabri to Moree)

The Australian and NSW Governments are jointly funding \$261.17 million for Stage 1 of the Newell Highway Upgrade – Narrabri to Moree heavy duty pavement upgrade (HDPU).

Stage 1 of the HDPU project includes upgrading four priority sections along the Newell Highway with 27.3 kilometres of new road pavement, intersection improvements, widening of road shoulders and the provision of five additional overtaking lanes.

Project Benefits

- Increase travel reliability between Narrabri and Moree.
- Reduce travel times between Narrabri and Moree.
- Reduce the cost of maintenance along the Newell Highway.
- Reduce vehicle operating costs on the Newell Highway.
- Improve road safety for road users.
- Improve flood immunity of the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree.
- Improve freight productivity and access to the Moree Special Activation Precinct and Narrabri Inland Port.
- The project is expected to create 640 new jobs during construction.



Funding

- \$261.17 million total project value
(\$205.73 million Australian Government; \$55.44 million NSW Government).

Construction timeframe

- The tender for the main construction contract has been awarded to Fulton Hogan.
- Construction is expected to commence in July 2022.
- Construction is expected to be completed by early 2026.



Project Features

Stage 1 of the project includes a total of 27.3 kilometres of heavy duty pavement upgrades along four priority sections (1, 2,3 & 5) between Narrabri and Moree.

Key features include:

- Provide a heavy duty pavement to meet the existing and future freight needs.
- Widen the existing highway or construct a new two-lane highway adjacent to the existing highway with 3.5m lanes, 2m shoulders, and 1m wide centreline.
- Provide new 1.5km long dedicated overtaking lanes in five locations.
- Construction of two new heavy vehicle rest areas in section 1.
- Upgrade intersections and right turning lanes.
- Retain or improve the 110km/hr design speed alignments.
- Improve access to private property and bus stop layouts.
- Upgrade of drainage structures.

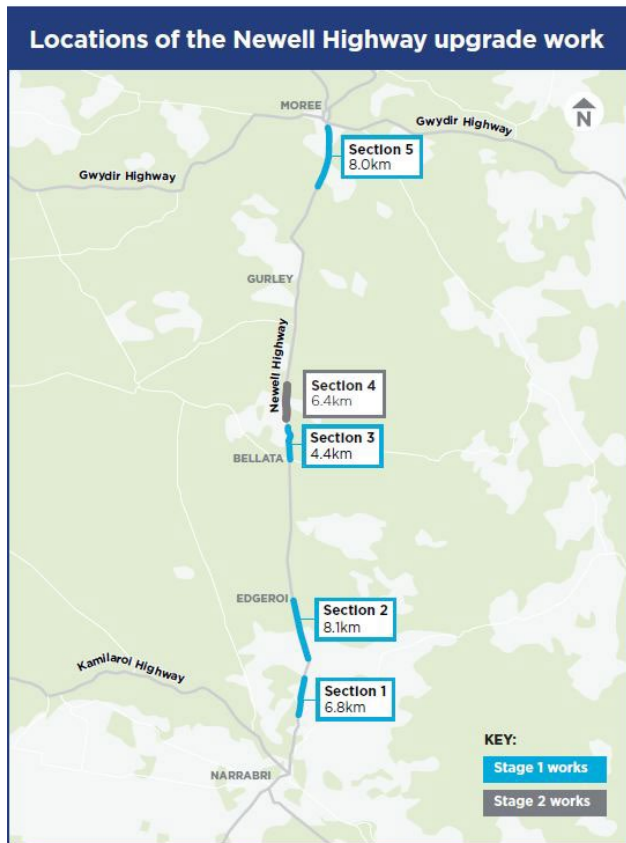
SECTION	LOCATION	LENGTH	KEY FEATURES
Section 1	6.5km to 13.3km north of Narrabri	6.8 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Realignment of highway to improve geometry • Realignment and upgrade of Murrumbilla lane intersection. • Construction of a Class 5 informal Heavy Vehicle Rest Area for access by northbound traffic • Construction of a class 3 formal Heavy Vehicle Rest Area for traffic travelling north and south including amenities, picnic shelters
Section 2	17.7km to 25.8km north of Narrabri	8.1 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Two overtaking lanes – one northbound, one southbound • Bridge Barrier upgrade at Bobbiwaa Creek • Intersection realignment and upgrade at Smithfield Lane, Couradda Road, Tarlee Road and Queen Street.
Section 3	46.4km to 50.8km north of Narrabri	4.5 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • One northbound overtaking lane • Intersection upgrades at Temi Street, North Street, Oak Street and Millie Road.
Section 5	88.2km to 96.2km north of Narrabri	8.0 km	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Two overtaking lanes – one northbound, one southbound • Intersection upgrades at Wallanol Road, Tapscott Road and Burrington Road.

What's not in scope?

Stage 2 (which is not currently funded) featuring 6.4 kilometres of heavy duty pavement upgrades in section 4 and upgrading the northbound and southbound Tycannah rest areas between section 4 and section 5.

Transport is continuing to explore funding opportunities to deliver this next stage of work.





Key Dates

APRIL 2022	Award main construction contract
JULY 2022	Commence construction
EARLY 2026	Construction complete

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