

Start of construction of new overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway, near Coonabarabran, from Wednesday 15 April 2020

The Newell Highway Program Alliance (NHPA) is constructing a new pair of overtaking lanes, about 15 kilometres north of Coonabarabran to improve safety, reduce travel times and improve freight productivity.



What are we doing?

The one and a half kilometre northbound and southbound overtaking lanes will be constructed along the Newell Highway, north of Coonabarabran.

Initial work includes establishing a site compound, stockpile site and fencing. Other work to be carried out includes the installation of erosion and sediment controls, removing vegetation, and road widening.

We will keep the community regularly informed about the progress of the work and any changes.

This work is expected to take **six** months to complete, from **Wednesday 15 April** to **September 2020**, weather permitting.

Work hours will be between **7am** and **6pm** from **Monday** to **Friday** and between **7am** and **5pm** on **Saturdays**. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

How will this affect me?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

There is likely to be some dust from the clearing, vegetation removal and earthworks. We will use measures to minimise or prevent air pollution and dust, including covering exposed areas.

Traffic changes

There will also be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. This will include reduced speed zones and partial lane closures along the Newell Highway.

Road users are advised to drive to the conditions, keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic control and all signs. Reduced speed limit will apply at all times throughout the project and will vary from 40km/h to 60km/h during work hours, and 80km/hr after work hours.

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

What else is happening?

The NHPA has delivered seven of about 30 additional overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway since the program started in March 2019. Five overtaking lanes are currently in construction.

More information on this and other overtaking lane projects along the Newell Highway can be found on our project website at nswroads.work/nhpa.

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