

## Riverina Highway Upgrade Stage Two, Lake Hume Village to Bethanga Bridge

July 2017

**Work on the second stage of the Riverina Highway upgrade will be reduced during the wet winter period for the safety of motorists and to help protect the environment. The NSW Government is funding this \$11 million project.**

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering Stage Two of the Riverina Highway Upgrade project, which involves widening the road and road shoulders between Lake Hume Village and Bethanga Bridge, improving rough sections of the road, upgrading signposts, widening drainage, installing guardrails and retaining the 80 kilometre an hour speed limit.

Roads and Maritime completed Stage One of the total \$11 million upgrade between Sandy Creek and Lake Hume Village in March 2016. Work on the second stage of the upgrade started in October 2016 and is expected to be finished in June 2018, weather permitting.

### Winter slow down

Work on the upgrade project will slow down for the wet winter period from **early July 2017**.

The project site of the Stage Two Upgrade is very narrow with steep slopes on either side of the road. For safety reasons, and to preserve the sensitive environment of the area, the project's schedule of work will be reduced for the winter period to ensure impacts from the cold, wet weather are kept to a minimum.

Most of the earthwork, drainage, kerbing and revegetation were completed before the winter period. The Bethanga Bridge gantry will also be upgraded with a new road surface installed at the bridge approaches.

A temporary sealed road surface and line marking will be in place before the winter slow down. Work crews will monitor the safety of the road surface throughout the winter period to ensure it remains safe for motorists.

### Project benefits

- Widening the road for improved safety
- Provide a smoother journey between Lake Hume Village and Bethanga Bridge
- Improved road drainage
- Installing guardrails for increased safety
- Retain 80 kilometre an hour speed limit.

## Spring work schedule

Work on the second stage of the upgrade will return to the full schedule in **late August 2017** and will include further excavation work and a new road surface. Improved safety measures including new guardrails will be installed along with new line marking.

## Noise

The work may be noisy at times. We will make every effort to minimise this by:

- Turning off machinery when not in use
- Scheduling the noisiest activities for daytime periods
- Positioning equipment, such as generators, as far away as possible from residential areas.

## Work hours

Most of the work will be carried out during general working hours between **7am** and **6pm** from **Monday to Friday** and between **8am** and **1pm** on **Saturday**, weather permitting. We will notify you in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

## Temporary traffic changes

The regular 80 kilometres an hour speed limit will return during the winter slow down period. Speed restrictions of 40 kilometres an hour will only apply when work is taking place during the above hours and will be under traffic control.

Please follow the direction of traffic controllers, follow traffic signs and stick to reduced speed limits.

We will display up to date information, including any date changes and detours on electronic message signs along the road.

## For more information

For more information about the project please contact the project team on 02 6937 1652.

More information is also available at **rms.nsw.gov.au**.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank the community and motorists for their patience during this work.



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