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Safety improvements on Waterfall Way west of Bellingen starting Thursday, 15 April

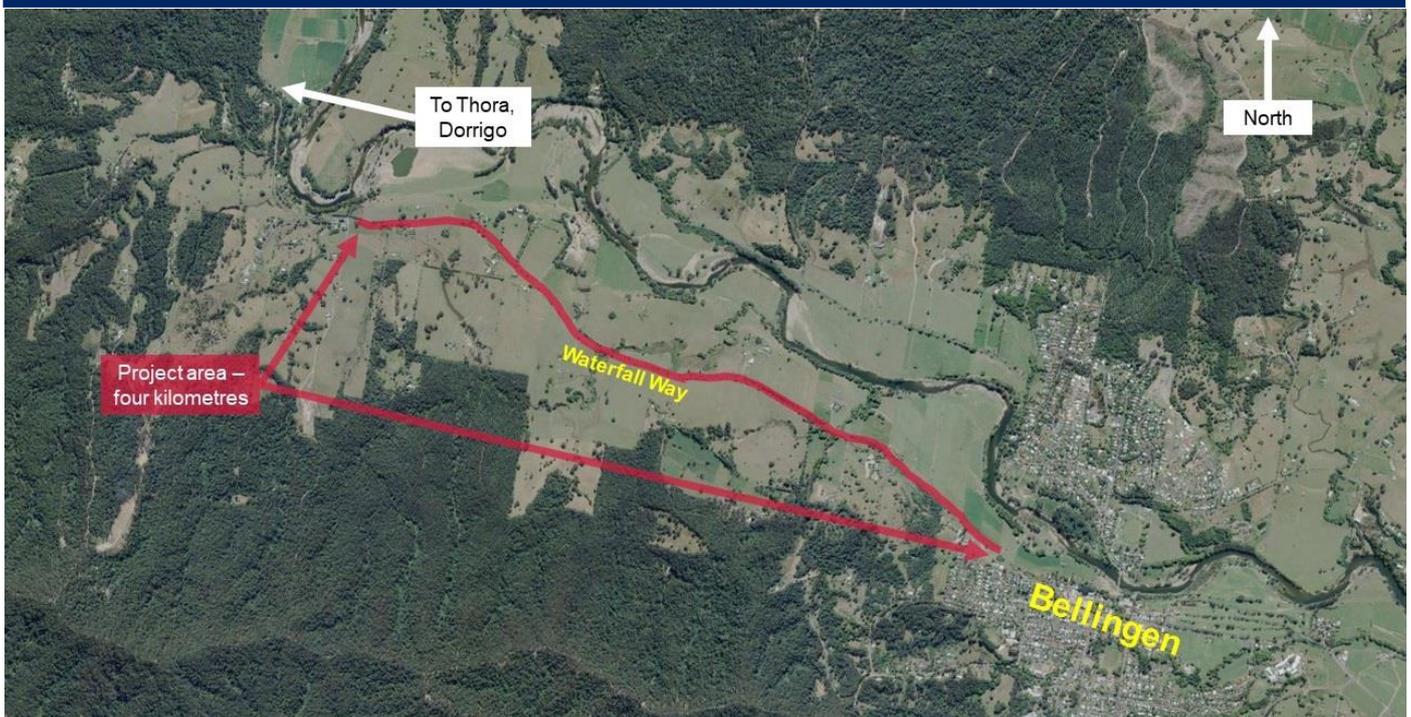
This \$10 million project is a part of the Australian and NSW governments' \$398 million investment in road safety improvements and is jointly funded under the NSW Safer Roads Program and the Australian Government's \$140 million Targeted Road Safety Program.

The project will improve safety on a four kilometre section of Waterfall Way west of Bellingen and will involve, road widening, changes to road geometry and enhanced line marking. We have included a map of to show the work location.

The project also involves the removal of trees that present a roadside hazard or a barrier to road widening. More information on following page.

We will be working from **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday** and **from 8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON WATERFALL WAY WEST OF BELLINGEN



How does this work improve road safety?

We will widen the road, improve line marking and change the road geometry. Road widening reduces the risk of head-on crashes by increasing the width of road shoulders, giving motorists more room to avoid collisions. Enhanced line marking also encourages greater separation between approaching vehicles, while improving road geometry reduces the risk of vehicles entering into oncoming lanes or leaving the roadway.

Results of investigations into trees along the roadside

We wrote to residents and landowners last September letting them know about field investigations we were carrying out into the tree removal and road widening, and received no objections.

These investigations are now complete and found that:

- The roadside vegetation is a mix of tree plantings and native regrowth, that is disturbed by road operations and maintenance, and subject to weed incursions
- The proposal would result in the removal of about 0.5 hectares of native and exotic vegetation and 105 planted roadside trees
- There were no threatened ecological communities at the site
- No threatened flora and fauna species were recorded
- The proposal is unlikely to affect any species, communities or their habitat listed under the Biodiversity Conservation Act or the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act significantly.

How will the work affect you?

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.

Priority work on Waterfall Way

Transport for NSW crews will prioritise work to clear landslips on the Dorrigo Mountain. That work will continue until repairs work are completed. Specialist contractors will clear trees and carry out drainage work on this section of Waterfall Way so the area is ready for road widening to start as soon as resources become available.

Keep informed

To keep up to date with developments on Waterfall Way, visit <http://nswroads.work/waterfallway>

Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit www.livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager, on 02 6640 1331 or North_region@transport.nsw.gov.au

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