



Emergency work on Great Western Highway, Mount Victoria

Frequently Asked Questions

What is happening at Mount Victoria on The Great Western Highway?

A single lane closure was put in place on the Great Western Highway at Fairy Bower Road near Mount Victoria due to slope instability on Friday 4 March 2022. This closure was put in place following an inspection being carried out and cracking was identified next to the guard rail on the Great Western Highway.

This cracking on the road caused concern about a possible slope failure at the site. We have been working around the clock to complete the work to help reduce the duration and limit our impact on local communities and businesses.

Our delivery partner Ventia have been on site to carry out geotechnical assessments, install monitoring devices, conduct make safe repairs to the road and prepare the site for the emergency work happening now.

How long will this work take?

Due to the nature of the evolving situation, we are unable to provide an estimate on how long this work will take.

We will keep the community updated on the progress of our work and when we expect the road to reopen to normal traffic conditions.

What are the impacts to traffic?

There are temporary traffic changes in place to ensure the work zone is safe.

Single lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h will be in place and may affect travel times. Traffic control will be in place to guide motorists through the worksite while heavy machinery is in use. 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 [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) or download the **Live Traffic NSW App**.

How long is the delay at Mount Victoria?

The time it takes to drive through the worksite varies throughout the day. We have experienced delays ranging from five minute to two hours. Please continue to check [livetraffic.com](https://www.livetraffic.com) for the latest information.

Are there alternative routes through the area?

Customers from outside the Blue Mountains region are advised to rethink non-essential travel through the Blue Mountains with record rainfall affecting all forms of transport, including roads and train lines.

Customers can expect stop/slow traffic operations at various locations from Bell to Kurrajong between 6pm-6am while Transport for NSW works with the SES to conduct tree felling. Our crews are closely monitoring this part of the network to mitigate any potential impacts and ensure the road remains open.

Where travel through the Blue Mountains cannot be avoided, customers are advised to obey signs and the instruction of traffic control, plan their trip, expect heavy traffic and significant delays, and allow extra travel time. For all updates on roads, please continue to check www.livetraffic.com.

Is there financial compensation available for a loss of business during these road closures?

Please check with Services Australia whether you are eligible to apply for assistance through the Federal Government's NSW Floods Disaster Recovery Allowance. [NSW Floods, February 2022 - Disaster Recovery Allowance - Services Australia](#)

How can I find out more information?

If you have any questions, please contact Transport for NSW on 1800 953 777 or email gwhd@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Transport thanks motorists for their patience during this time. Plan your trip and for the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the [Live Traffic NSW](#) App.



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