

Great Western Highway Upgrade Program



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Together, the Australian and NSW Governments are investing more than \$4.5 billion towards upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow. The Great Western Highway Upgrade will reduce congestion, deliver safer, more efficient and reliable journeys for those travelling in, around and through the Blue Mountains, and better connect communities in the Central West.

During design and construction, the Program will create thousands of jobs, with significant opportunities for local people and businesses to get involved.

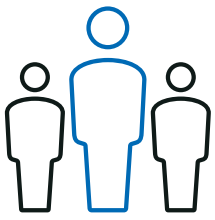
Skills, Employment and Industry Development Strategy

Upgrading the highway presents many opportunities to improve connectivity, safety, and village liveability.

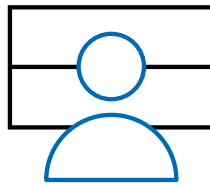
A Skills, Employment and Industry Development Strategy is being developed which will focus on six key focus areas that reflect Federal Government, NSW Government, and local priorities.

The Great Western Highway Upgrade Program will not only better connect regional NSW to Greater Sydney, it will connect local people and local businesses to opportunity and position them for success.

The Program presents a unique opportunity to develop skills and capacity in regional NSW, and leave a skills legacy that will endure far beyond the construction of the upgrade.



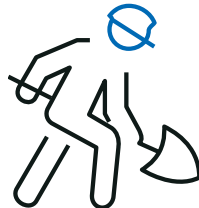
Local
employment



Aboriginal
participation



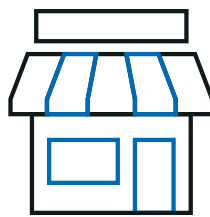
Youth
employment



Skills
development



Diversity



**Industry/
business**
development

Our strategy aims to deliver the following objectives:

Jobs and skills

- Create local employment pathways
- Increase youth participation
- Meaningful jobs for Aboriginal people
- Grow a local construction workforce and leave a skills legacy

Workforce diversity

- Ensure a diverse workforce
- Promote a supportive and progressive workplace culture
- Increase female participation
- Celebrate diversity

Industry development

- Maximise local and regional business participation
- Boost business capability and capacity
- Support industry diversification
- Enable Aboriginal business growth

Medlow Bath / Coxs River Road – construction from late 2022

The upgrade will be delivered in stages, starting at Medlow Bath and Coxs River Road. The longest construction stage will be the central section of the route. This section is proposed to involve the construction of tunnel bypasses of Blackheath and Mount Victoria.

Project area

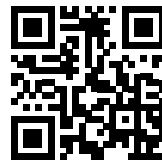
The Great Western Highway Upgrade Program proposes to deliver 34 kilometres of four lane carriageway between Katoomba and Lithgow to reduce congestion, deliver safer, more efficient and reliable journeys for those travelling in, around and through the Blue Mountains, and better connect communities in the Central West.

Early engagement and consultation

The Great Western Highway Upgrade initial construction projects will start in 2022. We are keen to hear your views on what we should consider – to encourage local employment, youth employment and skills development, as well as increasing Aboriginal participation and workforce diversity.

We also want to hear how we can best support local businesses build capability and capacity in time to access procurement opportunities.

Visit our website for more information on the Great Western Highway Upgrade Project, Skills, Employment and Industry Development Strategy.



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The Program is committed to creating opportunities for regional young people, apprentices, trainees, women and anyone looking to transition into the industry.

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