

Work continues on Washpool Flood Mitigation project

The NSW Government is providing \$7.1 million to improve flood immunity on the Gwydir Highway at Washpool, east of Moree.

Work started on the Washpool Flood Mitigation project in October 2020 and since then the project has been impacted by a number of challenges including COVID restrictions, significant rainfall and flooding of the site, and more recently, crews being diverted to carry out emergency repair work prioritised on the state road network.

Work has recommenced and will take approximately **nine months** to complete, with expected completion by mid 2023, weather permitting.

Main construction work being carried out on the Gwydir Highway at Washpool includes:

- replacing the existing culverts with a larger structure and raising the existing road level
- providing a wider and more durable road formation above the new culverts
- improving drainage at the site by reshaping the table drains
- providing standard scour protection measures upstream and downstream of the new culvert structure
- maintaining the existing clear zone and carrying out localised vegetation control

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

Our team will be working on the upcoming public holiday:

Thursday 22 September from 7am – 5pm.

We will minimise any noisy activities, and the crew will observe the planned one minute's silence at 11am to pay respect to Her Majesty the Queen.

How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise by turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

Traffic changes

There may be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe, including speed reductions during work hours.

A two-way sealed side-track is in operation on the southern side of the highway to maintain traffic flow around the project site while construction works are being carried out.

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.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Narrabri Regional Office on 02 6792 8522 or email western.projects@transport.nsw.gov.au

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.

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