



# Start of work on Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree from 18 July 2022

The Australian Government and NSW Government are jointly funding the \$261.17 million heavy duty pavement upgrade of the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree as part of the Newell Highway Upgrade program.

Stage 1 of the project includes a total of 27.3 kms of heavy duty pavement upgrades along four priority sections (1, 2, 3 & 5) between Narrabri and Moree.

Lead contractor Fulton Hogan will commence **site construction works from 18 July 2022**. The entire project will take approximately three and half years to complete with anticipated completion by early 2026.

We have included a map to the right to show the proposed construction schedule.

## Work activities and timing

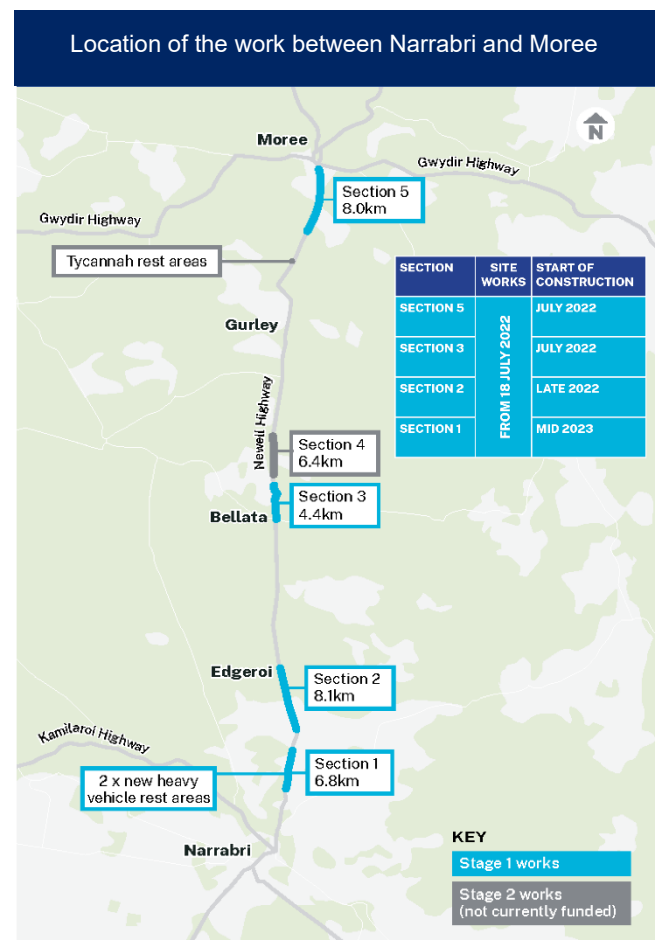
Initial activities will include:

**Compound establishment** – including temporary offices, storage and parking areas will be established in Section 5 at an existing stockpile site approximately 3 kilometres south of Moree Airport, and in Section 3 at the Woolabrar Rest Area near Bellata.

**Weed spraying** – across the project length to prevent the spread of weed species in the project area.

**Vegetation removal in Section 1, 2, 3 and 5** – to enable construction works of the upgrades, some vegetation will be required to be removed. This vegetation will be removed in line with the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) that was prepared for this work. More information on vegetation management for the project is available via our project website.

**Utility works in Section 3** - work will take place in Bellata along the southbound lane of the existing highway between Oak Street and Temi Street to relocate utilities to accommodate the new alignment.



**Construction of a temporary sediment basin in Section 1** – to store sediment from service utility relocation works. This basin will be constructed in the project area located north of Murrumbilla Lane. The basin will be remediated following completion of utility works.

We will be working **Monday to Friday** (except for public holidays) between **7.00am** and **6.00pm** and **alternate weekends on Saturdays and Sundays** between **7.00am** and **6.00pm** for the duration of the project.

We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

## How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise and dust. We will make every effort to minimise impacts by arranging the work in stages, turning off machinery when not in use and using water carts to suppress any dust.

Pedestrian and property access will be maintained at all times during work hours. Please exercise caution as you enter and exit your property and be aware of workers on the roadside.

The **Woolabrar Rest Area** just north of Bellata **may be closed at times over the next 12 months**. Motorists will be advised to use Tookey Creek Rest Area located 3.6 kms north of Woolabrar Rest Area.

We will continue to notify affected residents and stakeholders of upcoming work as the project progresses.

## Traffic changes

We understand that there are multiple projects being carried along this corridor such as routine maintenance works and Inland Rail, which have a compounding impact on residents and motorists. We will work together to minimise these impacts and communicate traffic delays.

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. Local intersection and lane closures, traffic control including short stoppages, and varying speed restrictions as low as 40km/h will be in place at times during work hours and will affect travel times. Motorists should allow extra travel time during this work.

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](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our project team on 1800 741 636 (option #3) or [newell.upgrade@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:newell.upgrade@transport.nsw.gov.au).

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