September 2020



Field investigations on Waterfall Way west of Bellingen from October 2020

The NSW Government has provided an additional \$50 million to improve the condition of Waterfall Way, delivering safety, access and economic benefits for the region.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) will soon start investigations into safety improvements on a three kilometre section from the Bellingen town boundary towards Thora.

The proposed improvements include removing a large number of trees to enable the road to be widened, improve the drainage and provide a safer road environment. Where possible, we will look at reusing the trees, placing any hollowed out sections of trees within the road corridor for habitat, and place bat and bird boxes into adjacent trees, similar to what TfNSW has done on other parts of the road network.

To assist in developing the design and identify which trees will need to be removed, we will be carrying out a number of field investigations including survey, pavement and geotechnical investigation, environmental and ecological investigations.

We have included a map to show the investigation area.



When will the work be carried out?

The investigation work will be carried out from **7am** to **6pm** on week days, although some ecological investigations might be carried out at night.

How will the work affect you?

This work will have minimal impact on local residents. We will make every effort to minimise noise by turning off vehicles when not in use.

We will continue to keep you informed as planning on the project progresses.

Traffic changes

This investigation work should have limited impact on motorists, although there might be some traffic control measures in place and stoppages of up to five minutes. These will be kept to a minimum.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Project Manager on 6640 1331 or email <u>Grafton.Regional.Office@transport.nsw.gov.au</u>

For more information on our projects, visit <u>www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/waterfall-way/</u>



If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 02 6640 1331