

# Kamilaroi Highway safety upgrade - Baan Baa to Turrawan



Wire rope barrier on the Kamilaroi Highway near Turrawan

The NSW Government is funding \$26.4 million to boost safety on the Kamilaroi Highway between Baan Baa and Turrawan as part of the Saving Lives on Country Roads program.

## Work continues after floods

Crews are continuing work on the final section of the Baan Baa to Turrawan upgrade in section 4, near Baan Baa. Work includes culvert widening in preparation for pavement works to commence later this year.

Following heavy rainfall and flood events across our state network over the past two years, crews working on the Baan Baa to Turrawan project were redeployed to support essential flood recovery works across the state.

The Baan Baa to Turrawan upgrades were scheduled for completion in mid 2023, however, due the reprioritisation of essential frontline resources, the project is now expected to be completed by mid 2024.

Transport for NSW thanks the community for their understanding and patience while these important safety upgrades are carried out.

## Traffic changes

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

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** or download the Live Traffic NSW App.



Road work on Kamilaroi Highway

# Where are we up to?

### Section 1 - complete

Completed in September 2021. Works included culvert extensions, road widening, installation of flexible safety barrier and the upgrade to the school bus stop at Turrawan Road.

### Section 2 – complete

Completed in June 2023. Works included widening 3.52 kilometres of highway, installing centre flexible safety barriers, and constructing a pull over bay for oversized vehicles.

### Section 3 - complete

Completed in March 2022. Works included a set of new, 1.8 kilometre overtaking lanes and installation of flexible safety barrier.

### Section 4 – completion mid 2024

Started in December 2022. Works include culvert widening and an upgrade of the road south of the overtaking lanes in section 3 through to Baan Baa.

We expect to complete this final section of the project by mid 2024, weather permitting.

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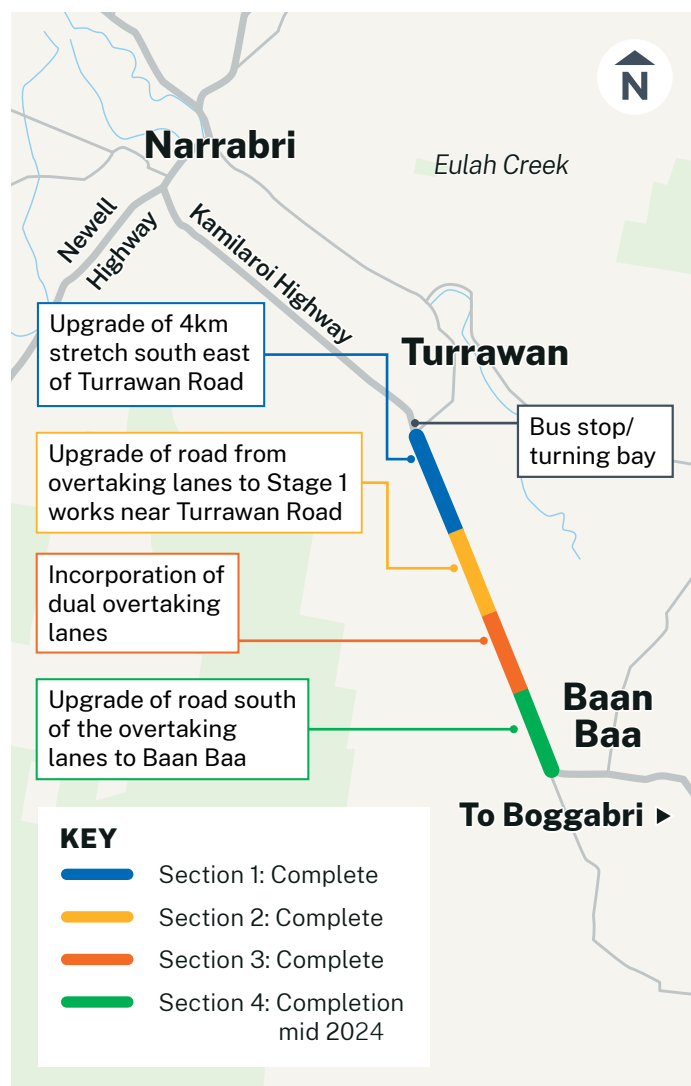
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Map showing progress of the project on the Kamilaroi Highway

## Why centre wire rope?

The crash history for Baan Baa to Turrawan featured a high incidence of cross centre line and run off road into object crashes and was identified as an area for improvement.

Centre wire rope increases the separation of oncoming vehicles, providing a more forgiving road environment for when people make mistakes.

Full scale crash testing and actual field performance has demonstrated that wire rope safety barriers have a lower occupant injury risk in comparison to semi-rigid and rigid safety barrier alternatives. This has made wire rope a popular choice on the NSW state road network, especially when installed in the median to reduce the risk of head on collisions.

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