



Community Update – Hampton slope repair

Jenolan Caves Road repairs

December 2023



The NSW Government is funding the repair of Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton.

In 2021, severe weather caused downslope damage to Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton which was further exacerbated by continuing wet weather in 2022.

We have conducted extensive investigations to determine the best solution to repair the slope and restore the road to its pre-flooding condition.

Work to begin in January

Repairs to the serious damage to the downslope on Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton will begin in January 2024 with a contractor now appointed to lead this work.

Lead contractor, McIlwain will oversee the works on behalf of Transport for NSW which are **scheduled to commence on Tuesday 16 January 2024**.

The work will take approximately 35 weeks to complete and is **expected to be completed by September 2024**, weather permitting.

In this update

Find out about:

- What the work involves
- Customer impacts including road closures and detours
- Next steps for the project
- Update on other projects along Jenolan Caves Road



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

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What the work involves

The remediation works at Hampton are complex and require the replacement of seven culverts and the installation of more than 200 soil nails and shotcrete at two locations along the slope.

This work requires workers to abseil down the slope using ropes and harnesses.

For the safety of workers, all on site and the public, this activity must be done during daylight hours and some activities will require a full road closure and detour.



Road closures

To safely enable the work, a number of full road closures at the site will be required.

The road will be closed to all traffic for up to 52 days during the work commencing in January 2024.

This includes 13 days for the soil nail installation, and an additional 39 days for culvert replacements to occur.

The dates of the closures will be communicated as the project progresses. When a full closure is required, the road will be closed for the duration of the day between **7am and 5pm**.

There are eight planned closures in 2024:

- Tuesday 16 January to Friday 19 January
- Monday 22 January
- Wednesday 24 January
- Monday 29 January to Tuesday 30 January

During the closure of Jenolan Caves Road, closure points will be south of Old Bindo Road and north of Duckmaloi Road.

We will continue to provide monthly updates regarding upcoming road closures to all impacted stakeholders.

Detour

When the road is closed a detour will be in place via Oberon, Bathurst and Lithgow using Duckmaloi Road, O'Connell Road and the Great Western Highway in both directions. **The detour will add approximately 1 hour and 40 minutes additional travel time.**

For people travelling to Oberon from the Blue Mountains, this will add approximately 30 minutes travel time.

Next steps

Steps to recovery of Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton.



Where we will be working



Planned road closures – January

Jenolan Caves Road will be closed at Hampton between Old Bindo Road and Duckmaloi Road from **7am to 5pm** on the following dates, weather permitting.

- Tuesday 16 January 2024
- Wednesday 17 January 2024
- Thursday 18 January 2024
- Friday 19 January 2024
- Monday 22 January 2024
- Wednesday 24 January 2024
- Monday 29 January 2024
- Tuesday 30 January 2024

Throughout construction, when the road is not fully closed, the road will remain single lane, alternating traffic.

Work hours

Work hours will be from **7am to 5pm Monday to Friday**, and **8am to 5pm on Saturday**.

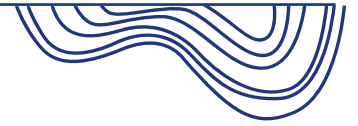
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Artist impression of the Five Mile design

Five Mile update

Work to reinstate full, safe access through Jenolan Caves Road took a major step forward in September 2023 with managing contractor Bouygues Construction Australia appointed to oversee repairs to the significant damage to the main slope failure on the Five Mile section.

The design will feature a rockfall barrier and slope stabilisation above the road, and a reinforced soil wall with ground and rock support elements below the road to allow both excavation access and reconstruction of the road formation.

The scope was extended to include repairs to an additional downslope landslip which occurred during the July 2022 weather event and will need to be reconstructed first to allow access to the main slope failure.

Jenolan Caves Road presents some unique challenges for our crews and contractors planning and working on remediation along the route. A detailed design will be completed early 2024 and work is expected to begin by mid 2024.

The terrain is a challenge in itself, which is why we have been working to restore access where possible while also planning long-term solutions which will enhance the accessibility, safety and efficiency of the road in years to come.

Two Mile update

Work to reinstate the Two Mile section of Jenolan Caves road is progressing with the tender for the repair work underway.

It is anticipated the tender will be awarded and works will commence early 2024.

Koalas spotted

There have been recent sightings of koalas on Two Mile. This is welcomed news after the devastating fires of 2019/2020.

With summer and the holiday season approaching, it is a timely reminder to take care around wildlife on country roads. Animal collisions can pose a big risk when driving or riding on country roads, by slowing down and staying alert, you can help keep everyone safe.

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