## **Transport for NSW**



# Frequently Asked Questions Hampton Slope Repair

#### Jenolan Caves Road

December 2023





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

### What are the details of the project?

Following the extreme weather event in March 2021, there have been significant impacts to Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton. 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.

Some of this work will require workers to abseil down the slope using ropes and harnesses.

The project will also include installation of safety barriers and new kerb and guttering along the project length to fully restore Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton to two lanes.

## When will the project start?

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

McIlwain will oversee the works, which are scheduled to take approximately **35 weeks** to complete, weather permitting.

## When will we be working?

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

Work will begin on 16 January and conclude in September 2024, weather permitting.

Closures will be 7am to 5pm when required. Transport is committed to keeping the community up to date and we will provide monthly notification of closures.

### Why do we need to close the road?

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.

The site will be closed to all traffic for up to 13 days for the soil nail installation, and an additional 39 days for culvert replacements to occur. We expect there to be over 50 days of full road closure, weather permitting.

When required the road will be closed between **7am and 5pm**.

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

# Why do we need to remove vegetation?

The terrain around the Hampton slope is very challenging and in order to access and remediate the slope failure 20 trees and vegetation will be need to be removed. This is to provide a safe work environment and access to the work site.

# Did you consider creating a new road through the forest?

No, this work is funded by Natural Disaster Funding which requires the road be reinstated to pre-existing conditions.

#### Will traffic control still be in place?

Yes, traffic control will remain in place for the duration of the project. Throughout construction, when the road is not fully closed, the road will remain single lane, alternating traffic.

### Where are the other projects up to?

#### **Five Mile**

In September 2023, Bouygues Construction Australia was appointed as managing contractor to oversee repairs to the significant damage to the main slope on the Five Mile section of Jenolan Caves Road.

We expect a detailed design to be completed early next year, and construction works to begin by mid 2024.

#### Two Mile

Traffic control remains in place along Two Mile seven days a week, to retain access for the public.

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.

In these early stages it is expected this work will be completed in mid 2025, pending engagement of a contractor and a confirmed construction program.

Work to remediate the gully scour on Two Mile is also in the planning phase, with construction anticipated to commence in early 2024.

# How will we keep the community informed?

- Regular notification letters delivered to nearby residents, industry and councils ahead of planned closures
- Traffic alerts distributed to local media outlets
- Monthly community updates delivered to the wider community
- Regular project website and live traffic updates
- Variable Messaging Signs (VMS) at key decision points alerting motorists about road closures
- Targeted social media posts and advertising

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