



The first stage of major work starts on the New Dubbo Bridge project

Transport for NSW's Head Contractor for the New Dubbo Bridge project, Abergeldie Complex Infrastructure, will start the first stage of the construction work from early April 2023. The initial construction phase will include piling works and utility investigations.

Piling works

Work will start on the new bridge with piling on land and in the river. Land piling will start from Tuesday 11 April and river piling will start from mid-June depending on the water level. Piling is expected to be completed by late 2023 weather permitting.

Piles create a strong foundation for the bridge and the new Dubbo Bridge will require large steel piles to be installed to support the weight of the bridge. To carry out this work, we will be using a piling rig that drives the steel piles into the ground using a piling hammer.

Utility investigations

In preparation for the construction of the New Dubbo Bridge, utility investigations will commence in early April 2023 at the intersection of River and Bourke Street and Whylandra and Thompson Street.

To enable these works, the road shoulders of Bourke and River Street will be closed. Access to properties and businesses in the area will be maintained. We will continue to notify affected residents and stakeholders on the progress of the works.

Work activities and timing

From Tuesday 11 April the following works will take place simultaneously as part of the project.

- Land piling will start from Tuesday 11 April from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and Saturday between 8am to 1pm with river piling starting from mid-June, weather permitting.
- Utility investigation work will start from Tuesday 11 April from Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and Saturday between 8am and 1pm for approximately eight weeks, weather permitting.

There is no planned work on Sunday and public holidays or over the Easter long weekend. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

How will the work affect you?

Piling involves using a vibrating action to initially sink the steel case into the river's sediment layers, prior to switching to a piling hammer to drive the steel case to the required depth into rock deep below the riverbed. This activity is continuous, noisy, and vibration will be felt in the surrounding area.

We will make every effort to minimise impacts during the work. Noise and vibration monitoring will also be carried out.

If there is any other way that we can support you during these works, please let us know.

Traffic changes

For the utility investigation works, there will be some temporary traffic changes during work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. Driveway accesses in and near the work zone will be maintained, and traffic control will be on site 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.

Find out more and keep in touch

We understand that this work will generate some inconvenience in the area. Thank you for your patience and understanding while we complete this important work.

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For further information on this project please visit nswroads.work/dubbo.

