

# Pilliga overtaking lanes between Coonabarabran and Narrabri



Transport for NSW

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The Newell Highway Program Alliance (NHPA) is excited to announce the completion of six more overtaking lanes on Wailwan and Kamilaroi Country between Coonabarabran and Narrabri. These projects have created an additional nine kilometres of overtaking lanes on the Newell Highway.

The NHPA is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments to deliver 38 overtaking lanes over four years on the Newell Highway.

The NHPA has now completed all overtaking lanes totalling approximately 60 kilometres in length, since it started in early 2019. The overtaking lanes improve safety, reduce travel times and improve

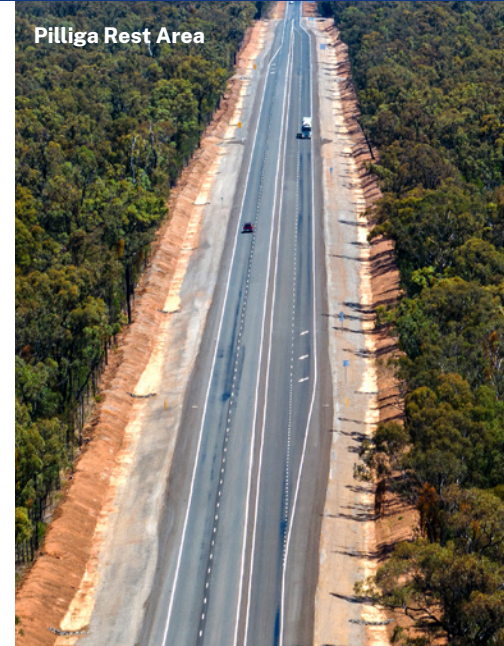
freight efficiency along the Newell Highway.

The new overtaking lanes at three sites near Sir William Bridges Rest Area, Pilliga Rest Area and Dandry include new pavement constructed across the full width of the highway. This approach will improve durability and reduce future maintenance costs.

Work on the three new overtaking lanes in the Pilliga started in June 2022 and through effective traffic management measures, delays to motorists were reduced to less than five minutes during construction.

**We thank you for your patience during these works.**

Pilliga Rest Area



Improving  
safety



Increase  
overtaking opportunities



Working with local  
communities



Travel  
time savings

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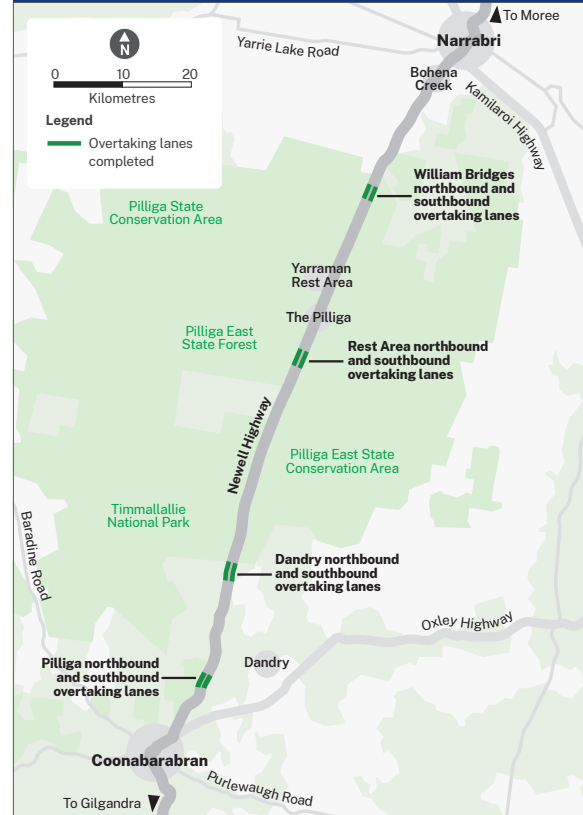
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## Fast facts

- 673 total people employed
- 37 NHPA staff
- 207 local workforce
- 115 staff identified as Indigenous
- 66 female staff
- 63 Trainees
- 106 workers were aged under 25
- 72 nest boxes installed for birds, owls, microbats, and squirrel gliders
- 70991m<sup>3</sup> of soil excavated and reused on site.



## Location of completed overtaking lanes



Transport for NSW acknowledges and pays respect to those Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work, especially Elders, past and present and to emerging community leaders. We recognise and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands, waters, and skies.

