



Have your say

Wallaga Lake Bridge essential maintenance work



Transport for NSW is seeking your feedback on upcoming Wallaga Lake Bridge essential maintenance work.

Transport for NSW is planning essential maintenance work to repair and strengthen Wallaga Lake Bridge. This work will ensure its continued use into the future.

As we plan for these essential works, we want to hear from the community, stakeholders, businesses, Transport customers and visitors to help inform the best approach and timing of the work.

What are we doing now?

Ongoing monitoring and a recent inspection of Wallaga Lake Bridge indicated deterioration of the timber structure.

A load limit of 22.5 tonnes was put in place to protect the structure, and now essential maintenance work on the bridge is required to improve its serviceability, longevity and durability.

While the crossing is still safe, this work will ensure the bridge remains safe and operational for the local community and travelling public well into the future.

Engineers have investigated the best strategies for managing and maintaining the bridge, with the overall goal of enhancing safety. They have determined that essential work to maintain the bridge will include replacing and strengthening the girders and piles, repairing the bridge deck, and upgrading abutments.

In order to replace the girders and repair the piles and abutments, we will need to close the bridge while work is carried out to protect the safety of the community and our workers.

We understand the bridge is a vital connection for locals day to day and for summer tourism, and that there is no ideal time to close the bridge. We are committed to working with the community to help guide us on how we can minimise the impact while we deliver this essential work.



How will this affect you?

We have developed two proposals to carry out this essential work and we'd like feedback on which is preferable to the community.

Option 1:

The bridge will be closed for four and a half months allowing crews to work safely and efficiently by eliminating live traffic. This proposal includes two months of work under traffic control with a total construction duration of around eight months, weather permitting.



Key points:

- Bridge will be closed day and night for four and a half months, detour via Princes Highway, Cobargo (approximately 45 minutes).
- Bridge will be under traffic control for two months, delays of up to five minutes.
- No construction over Christmas and summer holiday period.
- Safest option for workers.
- Shortest period of disruption to the community with the project completed in around eight months, weather permitting.

Option 2:

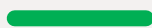



The bridge will operate under three different arrangements for a duration of around 11 months. The extended duration allows connectivity to schools to be maintained with a shorter full closure period, but will have a longer period of disruption to the community.



Key points:

- Bridge will be closed between 9am and 3pm, Monday to Friday for around six months. Detour via Princes Highway, Cobargo (approximately 45 minutes).
- Bridge will be closed day and night for two months, detour via Princes Highway Cobargo.
- Bridge will be under traffic control for one month, delays of up to five minutes.
- No construction over Christmas and summer holiday period.
- Not as efficient.
- Longer period of disruption to the community with the project completed in around 11 months, weather permitting.

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-  Bridge open
-  Bridge under traffic control, five minute delay
-  Bridge closed day and night, detour via Cobargo
-  Weekday bridge closure, 9am to 3pm

How to have your say

Complete the survey at yoursay.transport.nsw.gov.au/wallaga-lake-bridge-consultation or scan the QR code below. You can also email or write to us on the contact details below.

Want to meet the team and ask questions?

Drop in to meet the team on Payne's Island on Saturday 17 June between 10am and 2pm.



Scan to provide feedback

Feedback closes 23 June 2023

How will a preferred option be selected?

Our preferred option will achieve the best overall outcome for the community while allowing us to complete the essential maintenance work with minimal impact.




A decision will be made by considering:

- Feedback received from community during this consultation process.
- Outcomes of further investigations on physical impacts of these options in relation to economic, environment, safety and community issues.

The community will be notified of the outcome prior to work starting.

If you would like to be notified directly and kept up to date with the project as it progresses, you can join our email distribution list by emailing: wallaga.lake.bridge@transport.nsw.gov.au

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