



# Temporary changed traffic conditions for blasting on the Parkes Bypass from Thursday 23 February

## Work is progressing on the Parkes Bypass Newell Highway upgrade

On **Thursday 23 February** and **Thursday 9 March**, between **12pm** and **2pm**, weather permitting, controlled low impact blasting will take place to assist in the excavation of hard rock. A siren will sound prior to blasting to notify nearby residents. We have included a map to show the location of the work.

Prior to the blasting, from **Wednesday 8 February** to **Thursday 9 March** between **7am** and **6pm**, we will begin blasting preparation works in a confirmed area of Naturally Occurring Asbestos. This will include the use of a drill rig to drill holes to the required depth with ground specialist monitoring the process. Holes will be loaded with charges on the day of the blast by a licensed blasting specialist.

## How will the work affect you?

The work will involve the use of machinery which may generate some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

As a safety measure, residents within the exclusion zone will be required to vacate their property during the **production blasting**. The minimum safe distance is 150 meters. If you are within this exclusion zone, you will be notified prior to the blasting.

Blast wardens and traffic controllers will be onsite to monitor the clearance area and complete a clearance procedure (door knocking) to ensure clearance of the area has occurred. We do ask for your cooperation in this important aspect of the project and understand this may be inconvenient.

Our contractor Georgiou will be providing café vouchers to be used during each production blast for all affected residents. To receive your vouchers please email your name and address to [parkes.community@georgiou.com.au](mailto:parkes.community@georgiou.com.au) or call **1800 741 636 (option 4)**.

If there are additional factors we need to be aware of to support you better during these times please let us know.

## Traffic changes

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe including traffic control and a reduced speed limit.

On **Thursday 23 February** and **Thursday 9 March**, between **12pm** and **2pm**, during blasting, road closures will be in place at:

- Back Trundle Road and Ross Road intersection
- Moulden Street and Back Trundle Road intersection
- Reedsdale Road and Mitchell Street intersection
- Reedsdale Road and Painter Street intersection



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Motorists should allow up to five minutes extra travel time during this work. 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](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## Naturally Occurring Asbestos

Transport for NSW works to an Asbestos Management Plan, which is developed in consultation with SafeWork and Environmental Protection Authority.

All works will be undertaken under full asbestos management controls, overseen by a Class A Asbestos Supervisor and Licensed Asbestos Assessor. Workers will be dressed in appropriate protective clothing, including coveralls and masks as an additional safety measure.

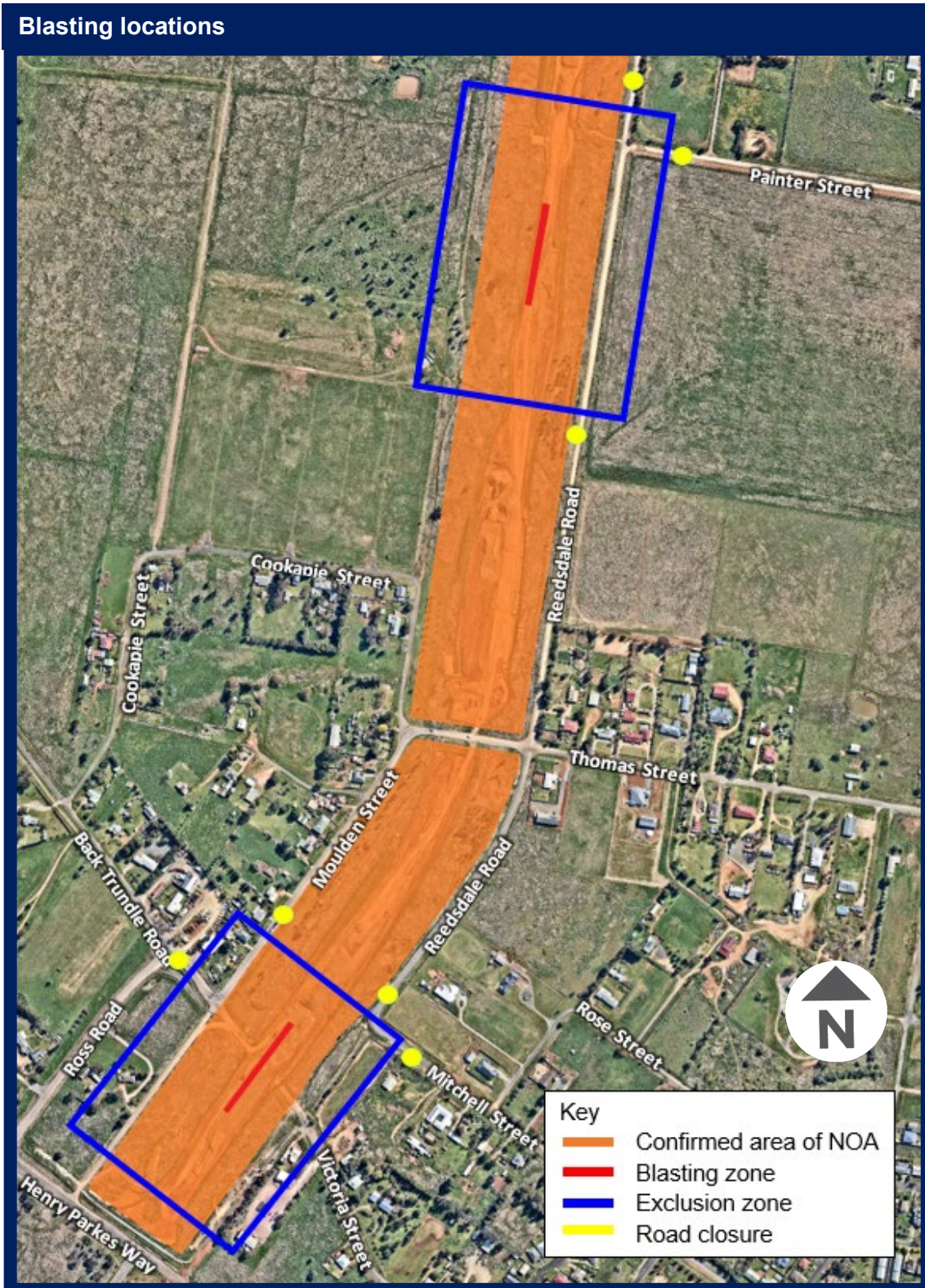
To minimise dust, we will use watercarts and mist systems during preparation works and blasting. Additional air monitors will be established around the worksite to ensure there is no migration of dust and asbestos fibers beyond the site boundary.


The naturally occurring asbestos will be excavated from the identified work areas and transported to designated containment cells within the project boundaries and capped with clean excavated material. All works will be completed in accordance with EPA requirements.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Community Liaison Officer Taylah Jones on 1800 741 636 (option 4) or [parkes.community@georgiou.com.au](mailto:parkes.community@georgiou.com.au).

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