

The Washpool Flood Mitigation



Final top slab pour on the 20 box cell culvert

The NSW Government is providing \$7.1 million to improve flood immunity on the Gwydir Highway at Washpool, east of Moree.

Transport for NSW (Transport) is raising and rebuilding a section of the Gwydir Highway, about 17 kilometres east of Moree at Washpool, to ensure the road is better able to cope during extreme flood events.

The project will lessen the impact to traffic and reduce closure times along this key corridor to help keep residents, tourists and freight moving during and after flood events. Transport has recently completed the culvert construction works and the site has now been handed over to Moree Plains Shire Council to deliver the associated road upgrades to complete this project.

Council commenced work on the 13 June and are on track to complete the works by late 2023, weather permitting.



Moree Plains Shire Council carrying out roadworks

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Construction update

Work completed so far on the project includes the placement of the precast culvert cell units and the pouring of more than 600 cubic metres of structural concrete.

The culvert construction work that was delivered by Transport is now complete and Moree Plains Shire Council will continue work on the associated road upgrades. This includes raising and widening the highway with 1.5m wide sealed shoulders as well as upgrading roadside drainage, improving safety for motorists and reducing ongoing maintenance costs.

A two-way sealed sidetrack on the southern side of the highway will remain in use to maintain traffic flow around the project site while construction work continues.



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Project delivery challenges

Work began in October 2020 to raise and rebuild the flood-prone Washpool stretch of the Gwydir Highway.

The project was projected to finish in mid 2023, however the ongoing wet weather and flood events across the network, saw crews re-allocated to support vital flood recovery efforts across the state. This has impacted the project schedule and works are expected to be now completed by late 2023, weather permitting.

Transport would like to thank the community for their understanding and patience during this time.



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of concrete poured to improve flood immunity

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Traffic changes

There may be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe, including speed reductions and lane closures 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.

Keeping you informed

Transport for NSW is committed to keeping the local communities well informed and up to date with progress on the project.

Project information and updates are available via the project website as well as direct communications to stakeholders.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Washpool Flood Mitigation project, please contact our project team:



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