

Mount Ousley interchange project update

Early work starting

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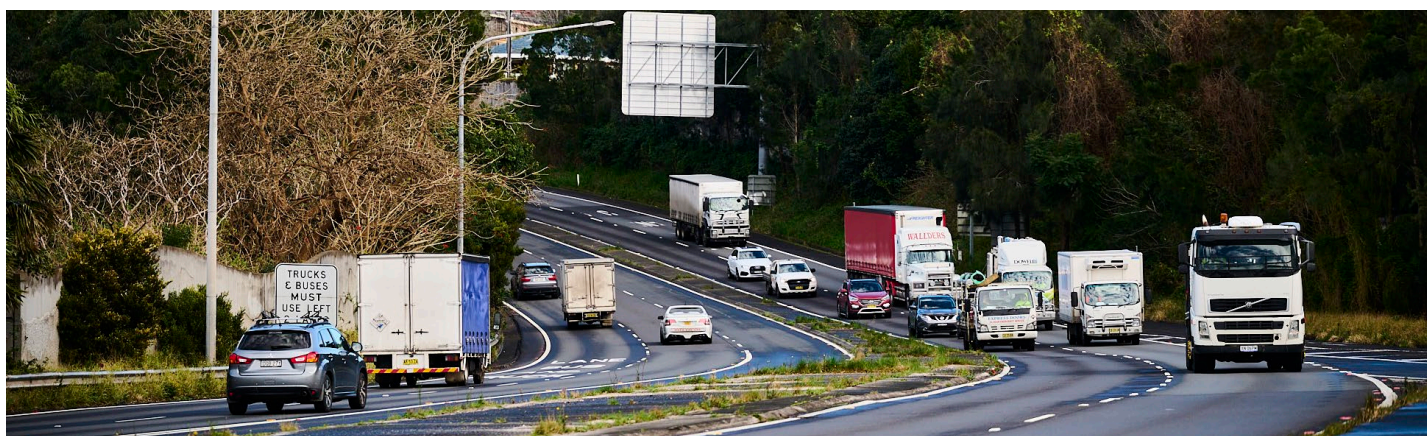


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We are building an interchange on the M1 Princes Motorway at the base of Mount Ousley. The new interchange will improve connectivity, safety and efficiency for those travelling through the gateway to Wollongong.

The \$390 million project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW governments. Fulton Hogan has been awarded the major contract to design and build the project.

Detailed design is progressing and early work will start in the coming weeks. Major work is planned to start in late 2024, with the project expected to take about four years to complete, weather permitting.

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What we've been doing

- Completing early utility relocation work to enable major construction
- Carrying out reviews of project delivery approach, design and scope to identify potential refinements from the concept design
- Fulton Hogan has been awarded the contract to design and build the new interchange
- Preparing construction management plans and planning for early work activities.



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Dharawal and Wodi Wodi people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

What happens next

- Removing vegetation for early work activities
- Survey, pavement and geotechnical investigations to inform the project's detailed design
- Further utility relocation work
- Establishing storage areas and site compounds.

Generally, work will take place during the day, Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm, and Saturday between 8am and 1pm, weather permitting.

When working near live traffic, we may need to work at night to maintain safety and traffic flow. If night work is required, nearby properties will be notified.

We understand that delivering infrastructure projects does not occur without impacts and we will be working closely with nearby residents, businesses and road users to keep you informed during construction.

Vegetation removal for early work

In the coming weeks, vegetation removal for early work activities will start within the project boundary. To gain access to locations for survey and geotechnical investigation we will be trimming, pruning and removing trees, where required.

The process for vegetation removal as part of the project's approval includes:

- Pre-clearing checklists and inspections including looking for ways to avoid or reduce tree impact
- Engaging with suitably qualified ecologists and vegetation removal contractors to carry out the work
- Installing nest boxes as supplementary fauna habitat
- Establishing exclusion zones prior to work starting
- Implementing staged removal for identified hollow bearing and habitat trees
- Installing erosion and sediment controls.

As part of major work, extensive clearing of vegetation around the motorway and some adjoining streets will be necessary to build this significant infrastructure project. Every effort will be made to retain trees where possible.

The proposed landscaping strategy will be available for community feedback as part of the project's Urban Design and Landscape Strategy Report public display in early 2024.



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Design refinements

In 2016 and 2017, a concept design and Review of Environmental Factors (REF) was prepared for the project. The REF was placed on public display and community and stakeholder feedback was used to help further shape the project's design.

Throughout 2023, the project team has made refinements to the scope and design to achieve a value for money solution which delivers core project objectives.

Fulton Hogan and Transport are now working together to progress the detailed design of the project and will be out in the community in the coming months to talk to you about what these design refinements look like.

We are also getting the project's Urban Design and Landscape Strategy Report ready for public display in early 2024.

This strategy guides the project's vision to build an interchange that is integrated within its surroundings, while establishing a strong identity as the northern gateway to Wollongong and the South Coast.

During the public display period, we will be hosting information sessions and pop-up stalls to provide you with more information about the project's detailed design, seek your feedback and introduce the team.

Next steps



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