

Upcoming work along the Macquarie River, Dubbo

Newell Highway Upgrade – New Dubbo Bridge project

Community Notification

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

The New Dubbo Bridge project will improve traffic congestion in Dubbo and enhance access across the Macquarie River during flood events. Construction is continuing across the project with drainage works now commencing along the bank of the Macquarie River.

What work are we doing?

We are installing stormwater outlet structures on the bank of the Macquarie River to direct runoff from the new road into the river. To protect the river during these works, we are also installing silt curtains between the Emile Serisier Bridge and the downstream weir. These curtains will prevent sediment from entering the water while construction is underway.

What are silt curtains?

Silt curtains consist of a bright yellow floating boom that supports a weighted fabric curtain extending 2-metre-deep.

In addition, a second boom is attached to absorb any contamination in the event of an unexpected spill.

What will this mean for you?

To ensure the safety of all river users, a navigational buoy will be placed to mark the area to avoid between the buoy and the riverbank. This is essential to prevent the risk of getting caught in the booms and ropes securing the silt curtains.

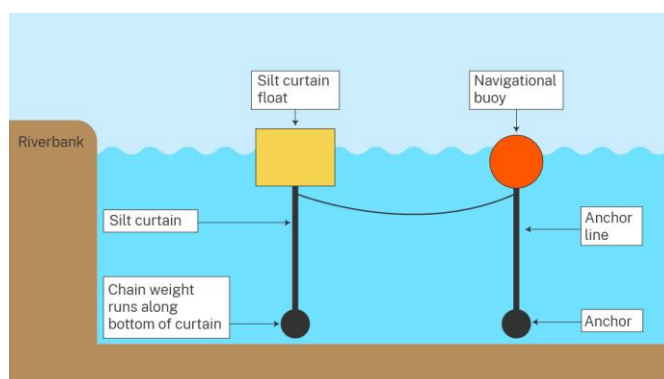
The silt curtains and buoys will remain in place until the installation of the outlets is complete, and the disturbed ground has been revegetated.

Safety is our priority

It is crucial that the booms and buoys remain undisturbed. Tampering with them could create unsafe conditions for river users and potentially allow sediment to enter the river.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this period. Should you have any questions please reach out to the project team.

Figure 1: Silt curtain installation



Location of work area



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