



Frequently Asked Questions

Appin Road and St Johns Road Intersection Upgrade

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

About Appin Road

Appin Road is a major arterial road connecting south-western Sydney to the Illawarra.

The road also plays a key role in connecting the township of Appin to employment, education, and services in larger areas such as Campbelltown and Wollongong.

Issues with road safety on Appin Road between Rosemeadow and Appin have been identified due to the existing road conditions, relatively high volume of traffic and vehicle crash history.

About the project

Transport for NSW (Transport) plans to improve the intersection of Appin Road and St Johns Road in Bradbury.

This work will improve safety and reduce delays, so the intersection continues to meet the needs of the community as the area grows.

How will the project benefit the community?

Appin Road will continue to be an important strategic road that connects communities as more people move into the area.

Improving the intersection now will ensure the road network performs into the future improving journey reliability and road safety. This project also compliments other road safety improvements occurring along Appin Road.

What are the key features?

As part of the intersection upgrade, changes are proposed along Appin Road, St Johns Road and at the intersection. The proposed changes include:

Appin Road

- Widen Appin Road to three lanes and install safety barriers southbound approaching the St Johns Road intersection
- Realign and improve the existing right-turn lane on the northbound approach to St Johns Road
- Improve the left-turn lane southbound from Appin Road into St Johns Road
- Planting and maintenance of trees.

St Johns Road

- Widen St Johns Road to create two right turn lanes northbound onto Appin Road (heading towards Campbelltown). This will increase the number of vehicles that can turn right on each light change.

- Move and improve the left turn lane from St Johns Road into Appin Road to improve road user ability to see vehicles travelling along Appin Road.

General intersection improvements

- Pavement work on Appin Road and St Johns Road
- New southbound on road cycling in the shoulder lane at the Appin Road and St Johns Road intersection
- New footpaths, kerbs and gutters, street lighting, landscaping, line marking and signage
- Improvements to existing utility services (water, power, communications) and installation of new services.

How will the community be consulted?

We invite the community to provide feedback on the Review of Environmental Factors (REF) which will be on display from Sunday 20 July to Sunday 10 August.

The REF will be available online at transport.nsw.gov.au/st-johns-road-upgrade or you can come and meet the project team at:

- Sunday 20 July, 8am to 1pm
Handmade and Homegrown Monthly Market, Lithgow Street, Campbelltown
- Monday 28 July, 10am – 1pm
Campbelltown Hospital, Therry Road
- Thursday 31 July, 4pm - 7pm
Campbelltown Civic Hall, 91 Queen Street

After the consultation period, we will assess community feedback and prepare a Submissions Report. This will then inform the next step as to whether the project is determined to proceed or not.

Will the project impact koalas?

Koalas were not recorded in the project area during surveys and biodiversity assessments. Potential impacts to koalas are expected to be minor due to limited habitat present in the construction area and isolation from known habitat corridors along Spring Creek and the Nepean River. The project is not likely to

significantly impact threatened species or ecological communities or their habitats.

Protection measures including pre-clearing surveys and pre-work inspections will occur to eliminate the risk of koalas being inadvertently injured during construction work.

Transport will prepare and implement a Tree and Hollow Replacement Plan to support a healthy environment, protect wildlife and make up for the loss in street trees.

How are we protecting wildlife on our roads?

The NSW Government remains committed to protecting the local koala population while supporting new homes and communities in the Greater Macarthur and Wilton Growth Areas.

Transport uses several mitigation measures across the state which comply with relevant conservation plans and have been developed in consultation with leading experts in the field.

Transport not only uses established techniques, such as fencing and barriers, we are also exploring emerging technologies to help further reduce wildlife vehicle strikes and enhance habitat connectivity including trials of AI animal detection systems and pavement markings.

Independent research has revealed that fencing or barriers remain the strongest solution for wildlife protection from vehicle strikes on higher speed roads, with speed reductions offering minimal benefits for animal outcomes on major road corridors.

Other measures that help to play a part in reducing road strikes include signage, education and engagement, and enhancing visibility along roads. To help change driver behaviour and increase awareness, Transport has implemented static and visual messaging signs and road markings along Appin Road advising motorists to look out for koalas.

What will the impact be on vegetation and trees?

To enable the safety improvements, there will be some tree and vegetation removal. The project team has consulted and continues to investigate ways to minimise this impact.

The upgrade of the intersection will require the removal of trees. This includes 16 small trees, 65 medium trees and 12 large trees. Four trees are hollow-bearing trees, with two trees listed as koala feed trees and 82 listed as koala use trees.

We will be replanting a ratio of four new trees to every one tree removed. As a last resort if we are unable to plant trees, we will make an offset payment to a Conservation Fund.

Will there be any impact on heritage near the site?

Construction would not result in any damage to the heritage listed silos. Some excavation and earthwork close to the silos may be required. The proposal has been assessed as having a minor impact on the views and setting of the silos and will not detract from their significance.

The installation of new street lighting and other infrastructure improvements will be minor and not impact on the views and settings of the other heritage listed sites close to the intersection.

What happened with the previous Review of Environmental Factors (REF)?

The original Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for the Appin Road Upgrade, Mount Gilead to Ambarvale was placed on public display between 19 November and 14 December 2018. This included work at the Appin Road and St Johns intersection. Following the public display in 2018 a Submissions Report was published in 2019 that responded to the community feedback. A copy is available on our website ([Improvements from Brian Road to Gilead - Submission report](#)).

Following changes to other projects along Appin Road, it was determined that the Appin Road and St Johns intersection upgrade be completed as a separate project.

As the consultation for the original REF occurred over five years ago it was determined a new REF was required and the community be given the opportunity to provide feedback on this.

The new REF outlines what is planned, the impact it will have on the environment, and how the upgrade will be managed during construction of the intersection.

Is there funding for the project?

The Federal and State governments have committed funding for the project.

How will the community be kept informed of the next steps?

We will keep the community informed by updating the project webpage and sending out email notifications.

If you wish to be added to our Appin Road and St Johns Road Intersection Upgrade project email distribution list, please send a request to projects@transport.nsw.gov.au.

What will the traffic impacts be during construction?

Any traffic impacts will be determined once the detailed design has been finalised. Signage will be in place to notify the community about changes. We will also notify the community about upcoming construction work and activities by community notifications.

Traffic control measures will be in place to help the community safely navigate the road work. These could include temporary partial lane closures, changes to speed limits and an increase in heavy vehicle movements, particularly in and out of the site compounds.

Road users will be able to always access Appin Road.

Where will the site compounds be located?

Multiple site compounds are proposed to be used during construction. This includes three preferred sites (one on Dickens Road and two on Copperfield Drive). Two additional sites are being considered in Flynn Reserve and Woodland Road Reserve off Woodland Road. All site compounds will be restored when the intersection upgrade is completed.

How long will the project take to construct?

The project will take approximately 12 months to complete.

What is happening with the Brian Road Intersection?

The Brian Road Intersection is a separate project to the south of Appin Road Safety Improvements project boundary. Its key features include koala fencing, a koala underpass, and an intersection upgrade.

The Review of Environmental Factors was placed on public display from 25 January to 24 February 2023 and we are currently assessing community feedback. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

What is happening with the Appin Road Upgrade project?

The Appin Road Upgrade is a separate project to the north of the Appin Road Safety Improvements project. It is funded and delivered by Stockland as part of a Voluntary Planning Agreement (VPA).

The project is currently in construction to deliver road upgrades and koala protections along Appin Road.

What is happening with Appin Road Safety Improvements?

Transport for NSW is delivering safety improvements for motorists and wildlife along a 3.6 kilometre section of Appin Road between Gilead and Appin.

Transport is currently undertaking early work to install approximately 700 metres of temporary koala exclusion fencing on both sides of Appin Road, between 612 and 717 Appin Road.

This work will help prevent koalas from entering the road corridor where Appin Road Upgrade fencing ends until permanent koala exclusion fencing is constructed.

We will be onsite from **Sunday 22 June to Thursday 7 August 2025**, weather permitting.

Our working hours are **8pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday**.

We will not work on Friday or Saturday nights.

How can contact the project team?

If you wish to contact someone from the project team, please call 1800 684 490 or email projects@transport.nsw.gov.au or visit transport.nsw.gov.au/st-johns-road-upgrade.