



# Hampden Bridge

## Community update

May 2025



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

Transport for NSW is reducing the load limit on Hampden Bridge at Kangaroo Valley from 42.5 tonnes to 23 tonnes.

Investigations and bridge monitoring have revealed the bridge is under strain, requiring frequent repair and maintenance work.

The load limit for vehicles will be reduced from 42.5 tonnes to 23 tonnes in order to relieve the pressure larger vehicles have put on the bridge over time and reduce the amount of repair work required.

We are committed to the continued operation of the 127-year-old Hampden Bridge to allow for the safe crossing through town for community members and visitors to the region.

We thank you for your patience while we explore options to ensure the long-term usability of the bridge.

### How does this affect me?

Heavy vehicles over 23 tonnes will be restricted from using the bridge and will need to plan a suitable detour.

Vehicles up to 23 tonnes, including buses and emergency vehicles, will not be affected and can continue to use the bridge as normal.



### Frequently asked questions

#### When will the new load limit come into affect?

Friday 30 May 2025.

#### Why are we reducing the load limit on the bridge?

The load limit is being reduced to protect the bridge while Transport explores long-term options to ensure its continued functionality and longevity.

Reducing the load limit will also reduce the need for frequent repair work, meaning fewer disruptions for the Kangaroo Valley community.

#### Is the reduction going to be permanent?

In the coming years, Transport will continue to monitor the strain on the bridge and explore options for its long-term future.

This will help determine whether the 42.5 tonne load limit can be reinstated in the future, or if the 23 tonne load limit will remain a permanent restriction on the bridge.

#### Why 23 tonne? What types of vehicles use the bridge?

A 23 tonne load limit will still allow cars, caravans, school buses, coaches and emergency service vehicles to cross without adding further strain to the bridge. Emergency service vehicles over 23 tonnes, such as fire trucks, will be allowed to use the bridge at all times.

#### How will heavy vehicles know to avoid the bridge?

Transport for NSW is engaging with impacted freight operators prior to the reduction coming into effect. Signs will also be installed to alert road users of the changed load restrictions ahead.

Operators of Class 1, 2 and 3 vehicles travelling under a notice must consult their relevant



enforceable network map to confirm a suitable, approved detour route.

**What other options have Transport investigated before deciding to reduce the load limit of the bridge?**

Transport has carried out consistent work over the years to maintain the bridge's structural integrity and carried out major rehabilitation and strengthening works in 2011.

Despite these efforts, repair work has continued to increase.

Reducing the load limit now will allow the bridge to remain operable while we investigate long-term solutions.

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