



Changes to the Heathcote Road Upgrade project.

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

Transport for NSW is making two key changes to the Heathcote Road Upgrade project. These changes have been added to the project's environmental review.

Change One: Improving motorist safety

Transport will widen three existing slopes (called 'batters') along Heathcote Road. Batters are the sloped areas on the sides of a road that help it blend into the surrounding landscape.

Why are we making this change?

Widening these slopes will:

- Create more space on the side of the road for emergency and maintenance vehicles to stop
- Make the roadside safer by reducing the chance of vehicles running off the embankment.

Where will the work happen?

There are three sites on the eastern side of Heathcote Road, between MacArthur Drive and Alec Campbell Drive.

We will reuse the soil from other areas of the project, so it won't need to go to landfill.

Change Two: New lighting and pram ramp

We are finishing shared path and installing new street lighting. To do this we will need to remove a tree at the corner of Infantry Parade and Heathcote Road.

Why are we making this change?

This modification to the path will provide:

- footpath lighting for pedestrian safety
- a new pram ramp
- easier access.

Environmental impacts

The Addendum REF outlines the impacts to biodiversity which are considered minor:

- A small area (about the size of a backyard) will be cleared to widen the slopes. This includes removing 14 established trees.
- The tree being removed at Infantry Parade is a local eucalyptus species. It has a small hollow, but it's unlikely to be used by birds or bats for nesting.
- These changes are expected to have only a minor impact on plants and animals. No threatened species or ecological communities are expected to be affected.

When will we be working

We will be working for approximately one day and one night between 2 May and 6 May 2025, weather permitting. Night works at the Infantry Parade intersection will take place from 8pm to 5am. Day works in other areas will occur between 7am and 6pm.

How will this affect me

There will be noise during nightworks at the Infantry Parade intersection, which will involve the use of a chainsaw and woodchipper. These activities need to be carried out at night to minimise traffic disruption and ensure the safety of both workers and road users.



There will be partial lane closures and traffic control measures in place at the Infantry Parade intersection.

Addendum Review of Environmental Factors

A REF was prepared in 2016 to assess the environmental impacts of the project. Since then, minor works and addendum REFs have been prepared to address changes to the project.

You can read the Addendum REF by visiting nswroads.work/heathcoteroad.

What else are we doing?

We will continue with vegetation clearing at the Kokoda Track in Holsworthy to support the completion of the new road. As part of this works, 16 trees located at the entrance of the Kokoda Track will be removed. This clearing is necessary to allow safe access and construction of the new road which will improve local connectivity and traffic flow.

This work is being carried out in accordance with the original *Review of Environmental Factors (REF)*.



Location of vegetation clearing on the Kokoda Track



Location of fill emplacement Heathcote Road (Addendum REF Modification One)



Location of tree removal corner Infantry Parade and Heathcote Road (Addendum REF Modification Two – removal of a group of trees)

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