

Koala Protection on Heathcote Road around Deadmans Creek

Project Update

July 2025



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

Transport for NSW (Transport) is progressing Koala Protection on Heathcote Road, near Deadmans Creek.

Late last year, we consulted with you on a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) for this project and invited your feedback on potential environmental impacts and strategies to manage those impacts.

What you told us

During consultation we received a total of 95 submissions from the community and other stakeholders.

Of these submissions, 62 per cent were in support of the project, 36 per cent were neutral and 2 per cent were in opposition.

Feedback received included:

- Frustration with project delays and ongoing risk of vehicle strikes.
- Protection for koalas and other native fauna species during construction.
- Concerns about the effectiveness of the proposed fencing and the existing culverts.

Thank you to everyone who submitted their feedback.

Submissions Report now available

We have considered all feedback received and provided our responses in a Submissions Report, which is now available on the project webpage at transport.nsw.gov.au/koalasheathcoteroad.

The report also details key design changes made to the project after REF consultation. These changes include:

- Adjustment of the fence alignment to the north and south of St George Crescent to reduce vegetation clearing and improve visibility.
- Installation of additional fauna access pipes in the Defence fencing.
- Additional wooden crossing structures underneath Deadmans Creek Bridge.

Following consideration of your feedback and key changes to the design, the project is now approved.

What happens next

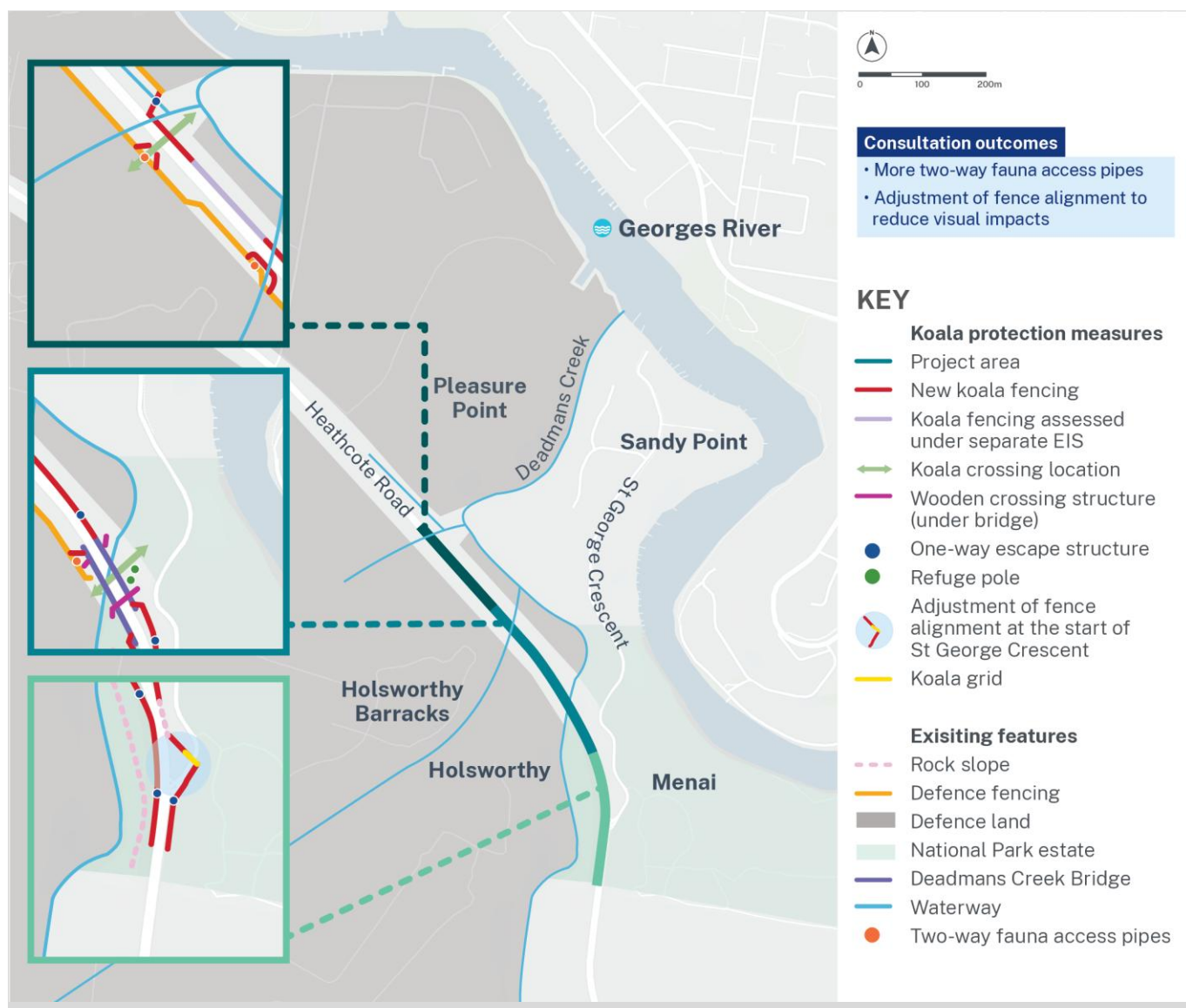
Transport has awarded the contract for construction to Mack Civil.

Construction will commence in July, and we will keep you updated as work progresses.

We are continuing to work with Liverpool City Council to progress the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the section of the project located within mapped coastal wetlands.



Location of work area



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