



Victoria Pass Slope Repairs Frequently Asked Questions

Disaster Recovery Fund

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Transport for NSW acknowledges the Gundungurra, Darug and Wiradjuri 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 working to repair two significant slope failures on the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass.

What has happened to the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass?

In July 2022 extreme weather damaged two slopes on the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass. A downslope embankment failure east of Mitchells Causeway, and an upslope failure west of the causeway, have caused significant impacts to the Great Western Highway.

How is Transport ensuring safety for road users on Victoria Pass?

The westbound slow lane at both failure sites remains closed with a reduced speed limit of 40 kilometres per hour.

This is for the safety of all road users and will remain in place until works to stabilise the slopes have been completed.

Transport is monitoring the slope and roadway near the embankment failure sites and conducting regular condition inspections in the area.

How are these repairs being funded?

Slope repairs at Victoria Pass are being funded by the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

What factors have impacted plans for the slope repairs?

The severe weather events of 2022 resulted in slope failures across the state.

Specialist contract resources have been stretched, meaning longer than normal lead times for work to be carried out.

Extensive investigations including LiDAR, geotechnical and field surveys were needed to inform the final design for this complex repair work.

Continuing wet weather throughout 2022 delayed work by engineers to design the embankment repairs as Transport needed to consider the full extent of the damage.



Upslope failure on the Great Western Highway at Victoria Pass

How will Transport repair the slopes?

Treatment for the westbound upslope failure will include:

- scaling the slope
- replacing and extending drape mesh
- installing a new drain on the crest and a shotcrete drainage chute to divert the captured water without further damaging the rock face
- local rock bolting,
- potential rock fall fencing.

Treatment for the downslope failure will involve approximately 300 soil nails across the embankment slope, and drainage improvements. This will reinforce the road embankment and allow us to restore the road pavement.

Work will be carried out at night to minimise impacts to traffic.

When will works start and how long will they take?

We expect to begin work on repairing the Victoria Pass slope failures in April 2025.

Work on the upslope failure is expected to take six months to complete, while work on the downslope failure will take around nine months.

Work should be completed by the end of 2025, weather permitting.

Who is delivering the project?

Transport for NSW will appoint a contractor to deliver the Victoria Pass slope repairs.

Location of the work



Map is indicative.

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