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## Temporary traffic change and culvert installation at Wardell Road, Wardell for the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade

**The Australian and NSW governments are jointly funding the \$4.36 billion Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade. Roads and Maritime Services Pacific Highway Project Office, Pacific Complete and its contractor partners are working together to deliver the upgrade.**

As part of the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway upgrade the project team will be installing a fauna connectivity culvert at Wardell Road, Wardell. This is a key piece of work as part of the project's Koala Management Plan. The work will start in late May and is expected to take about eight weeks to complete, weather permitting. For the safety of road users and workers, the project team will build a temporary access road around the work area on the northern side of Wardell Road. Traffic control including temporary traffic lights will be used to guide road users around the work area. We have provided a map to show the location of the work area.

All work will be carried out in line with the project's Conditions of Approval and Construction Environment Management Plan.



The work will involve:

- Pre-clearing survey and minor roadside vegetation removal under the supervision of ecologists
- Building a temporary access road around the work area on the northern side of Wardell Road
- Implementing traffic control, including temporary traffic lights
- Earthwork using a 30-tonne excavator
- Installing formwork, tying steel reinforcement in preparation of pouring the concrete base for the culvert
- Installing concrete components of the culvert using a 120-tonne crane
- Installing new fauna fencing and roadside guardrail
- Reinstating the pavement over the culvert using vibratory rollers.

## **How will work affect you?**

During work, nearby residents and road users can expect:

- Short term delays on Wardell Road in both directions due to temporary traffic control including temporary traffic lights
- Use of mobile lighting towers for road user safety and site security
- Delivery of materials and stockpiling within the work area
- Workers parking within the work area
- Some dust due to the nature of excavation work
- Some noise due to operating equipment and machinery including lighting tower generators
- Low levels of vibration during the use of equipment and machinery including a vibratory and pad foot roller
- Flashing lights and reversing alarms from machinery and vehicles for the safety of workers.

This work will generate some noise, dust, vibration and light, but we will minimise its impact as much as possible by:

- Using water carts for dust suppression
- Shielding noise generating equipment, where possible
- Directing light from lighting towers away from residences whilst maintaining compliant lighting for road users
- Turning off machinery when not in use
- Servicing and maintaining plant and equipment so they are in good working order.
- Monitoring noise

## **Temporary traffic change**

The temporary traffic change will affect all road users on Wardell Road while the work is carried out. This will include using temporary traffic lights to guide road users safely around the work area. Resident access to properties on Wardell Road will be maintained while work is carried out.

To minimise traffic delays the project team will coordinate stoppages with heavy vehicles crossing Wardell Road (adjacent to the new bridge over Wardell Road work area), where possible. We will also work with local bus operators to minimise delays where possible.

Please drive carefully, follow signs and obey the direction of traffic controllers when travelling through this area. Road users are asked to plan their journeys in advance in anticipation of short term delays.

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## Work hours

Typically work will be carried out during the project's approved construction hours, which are:



7am – 6pm Monday – Friday

8am – 5pm Saturdays

Nearby residents will be notified at least five working days in advance of any activities scheduled outside of these hours.

## For more information

If you have any questions, please contact the Woolgoolga to Ballina project toll free line on 1800 778 900 dial 1, [W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au](mailto:W2B@pacificcomplete.com.au) or visit the project website [rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B](https://rms.nsw.gov.au/W2B).

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