



# Coffs Harbour bypass

Transport for NSW

## Fact Sheet

### Safely delivering construction | September 2023

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the \$2.2 billion, 14-kilometre Coffs Harbour bypass project. The bypass will boost the regional economy and improve connectivity, road transport efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

The safety of the Coffs Harbour community, including those who visit the area and the people who will deliver this important work, are our priority. During construction we have put in place measures to safely deliver the Coffs Harbour bypass project.

This fact sheet provides details about how we manage safety for our community, all road users and our workforce including the steps we've taken to keep everyone safe throughout the construction phase of this project.



Positive communication between the Coffs Harbour bypass team on site near Englands Road



Temporary fencing and delineation signage on Korora School Road

### Onsite safety during construction

Coffs Harbour bypass is continuing major construction with active working sites across the alignment. We have started, and will continue, to be using large plant and equipment across our sites as well as carrying out controlled blasting, hammering and drilling.

Our priority during construction is that workers and people on and around work sites are safe. Our site safety measures include:

- All of our workforce are inducted to the project which includes specific safety training
- Daily pre-start meetings and monthly toolbox talks are held to reinforce safety procedures and protocols and discuss lessons learnt
- All mobile powered plant and site vehicles are equipped with flashing yellow lights, audible reversing alarms 'squawkers', horns, and two-way radios
- All entrances and exits to construction sites have lockable gates and, where required, temporary fencing will be put in place to stop unauthorised entry to site
- Workers are separated from road users using safety barriers and speed limits are reduced, where required, to provide safer working environments

- Information is available at all construction site entry points with details of site safety requirements, radio channel and project contact information



For the safety of the community and our workers, access to the bypass construction site is restricted to authorised personnel only. Members of the public should not enter any Coffs Harbour bypass construction site at any time.



Boundary flagging and delineation signage in place near Shepherds Lane

## Ensuring the new bypass is safe

One of the key objectives of the project is to improve safety for motorists. The bypass will improve safety for local and interstate motorists by removing vehicles from the centre of Coffs Harbour and will improve safety for all road users along the existing Pacific Highway. Prior to construction, the existing highway through Coffs Harbour had a motorist, cyclist and pedestrian casualty rate more than three times higher than expected of a road of this type.

To ensure the project objectives are met, once construction has been completed and before the new bypass becomes operational, a road safety audit will be completed. A road safety audit is a formal inspection of the design, installation and operation of road projects on the network to determine their suitability. Road safety audits will be carried out in accordance with Austroads Safety Audit Guide, the TfNSW Guidelines for Road Safety Audit Practices, and the Technical Direction on the completion of the staged works.

## Working with local emergency services

Coffs Harbour bypass project team is working closely with local emergency services – NSW Police, State Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue, Rural Fire Service and Ambulance – on safely delivering construction. During an emergency response, the project team will follow the direction of emergency services and provide any possible support to these authorities. Emergency services are also able to access the construction site or travel through it at any time to respond.

## What you can do?

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Throughout construction, the project will use monitoring technology to advise drivers of their speed in work zones. We will be working with Transport for NSW and NSW Police to ensure the ongoing safety of the community, motorists and our workforce. Motorists should keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs.

### Stay updated on construction safety



The Coffs Harbour bypass electronically distributes weekly traffic updates to keep the community and motorists informed about changes to traffic arrangements and road conditions during construction. If you would like to be added to our email notification distribution list, please send an email to **community@chbteam.com.au** including your name, contact details and address.



### Contact us

If you have any enquiries and complaints, please contact the project team on 1800 550 621 or [community@chbteam.com.au](mailto:community@chbteam.com.au)



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