

Coopernook to Herons Creek

Upgrading the Pacific Highway



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Dear resident and business operator

Preliminary construction activities

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) is forming an alliance team with Thiess Pty Ltd and Parsons Brinckerhoff Australia Pty Ltd to design and construct the 33 km dual carriageway upgrade of the Pacific Highway from Coopernook to Herons Creek. The project includes bypasses of the villages of South Moorland, Johns River and Kew. This project is being jointly funded by the NSW and Australian governments.

The upgrade combines the Coopernook to Moorland and Moorland to Herons Creek Pacific Highway projects. The project is scheduled to be completed by December 2009.

This letter is one of many that will be distributed to local residents and businesses to keep them informed about the construction activities for the project.

Construction works will be managed concurrently in three zones along the length of the project.

- Zone A is between Coopernook and the Stewarts River Bridge.
- Zone B is between the Stewarts River and Camden Haven River.
- Zone C is between Camden Haven River and Herons Creek.

Each zone will be serviced by site compounds being established at Forest Road Moorland, Wharf Road Johns River, the end of Tathra Road Kew and on the eastern side of the Pacific Highway near Herons Creek. Concrete batch plants will also be established in each zone.

Preliminary works

Preliminary works in advance of the main construction will commence along the route in September 2007 and will include:

- Installing temporary traffic barriers, worksite construction accesses and signage.
- Installing environmental control devices such as sedimentation barriers.
- Vegetation clearing.
- Utilities and service adjustments.
- Property adjustments.
- Establishing site compounds and community information centre.

Local and through traffic access during construction

Local and through traffic access to and from the Pacific Highway will not change during this preliminary work. Residents and business will be notified of any disruptions to highway access during construction.

Road safety

Motorists, pedestrians and cyclists are advised to observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction. This will include temporary speed limit reductions adjacent to road work activities.

Construction hours

Construction work hours will be Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction work to occur outside normal working hours.

Community interest group

A community interest group has been established for the detailed design and construction stages of the project. Topics for discussion are likely to include local vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist requirements, construction stage traffic diversions, noise control measures, air and water quality, and landscaping/gateway treatments.

The community interest group comprises local residents, representatives of local communities and businesses, council staff from Greater Taree City Council and Port Macquarie-Hastings Council, the Environmental Management Representative, and representatives from the RTA, Thies and Parsons Brinckerhoff. The group will meet monthly throughout the detailed design and construction phases of the project.

More information

If you would like to know more about the project or to provide feedback about construction activities, please call the project information line on **1800 353 670** (24 hours, toll free), email community.enquiries@C2HC.incite.com.au, or visit our website at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Cooperook to Herons Creek).

Alternatively, you may wish to visit our temporary information centre at the Kew site office, southern end of Tathra Road.

The alliance apologises for any inconvenience this work may cause and will undertake every practical measure to minimise the impact on the residents and the environment.

Yours sincerely

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