

Newell Highway heavy duty pavement upgrade (Stage 1) Narrabri to Moree

SECTION 3: 46.4km to 50.8km north of Narrabri at Bellata



SECTION 5: 88.2km to 96.2km north of Narrabri near Moree



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Construction Impacts

The project team will be working to ensure road user delays are limited as far as practical and ensure property accesses are maintained for local traffic.

This is an exciting time on the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree with many other works being delivered such as Inland Rail and essential maintenance activities. Motorists should allow extra travel time between Narrabri and Moree and we appreciate your patience while this work is carried out.

There will be some noise and amenity impacts associated with the work. Landholders and residents will be consulted ahead of construction to manage any issues and discuss mitigation treatments from construction impacts.

Opportunities for job seekers and local businesses

TfNSW in partnership with Fulton Hogan are hosting a Skills and Industry drop-in session for regional businesses and sole traders who want to be part of the largest pavement upgrade of the Newell Highway.

These networking sessions provide the opportunity to talk directly to project staff and TfNSW about the suite of jobs and supplier opportunities available as part of the main construction package of work.

This includes everything from concrete and quarry products to electrical and plumbing services, catering, accommodation, truck and equipment hire to recruitment, waste management, PPE and clothing to cleaning.

Next steps

The project team will be meeting with affected landholders along the alignment ahead of construction commencement in July, weather permitting. Regular meetings with Councils, Chambers of Commerce and key community stakeholders will continue throughout the duration of the project.



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Local Industry and Skills Networking Event

Call in and chat with project staff, recruiters and industry partners between **3pm and 6pm**

Narrabri 15 June – Tourist Hotel,
142 Maitland Street

Moree 16 June – Max Centre Ballroom,
30 Heber Street

Meet the team



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Tender Award Announcement in Moree, 13 April 2022 – The Hon Mark Coulton MP, The Hon Sam Farraway MLC, Adam Marshall MP with representatives from Transport for NSW project team, Fulton Hogan, Moree Plains Shire Council and Narrabri Shire Council

About this project

The largest ever pavement upgrade of Australia's busiest road freight corridor is set to commence on the Newell Highway between Narrabri and Moree.

This nationally significant project includes 27.3 kilometres of heavy duty pavement upgrades which will improve driver safety, enhance road flood immunity and journey reliability for motorists and freight operators.

The project will reduce travel times, improve freight productivity and improve access along the Newell Highway, as well as to the future Moree Special Activation Precinct and Northern NSW Inland Port at Narrabri.

Tender Awarded

The tender for the main construction contract for Stage 1 works was awarded to Fulton Hogan Pty Ltd in April.

Fulton Hogan is an industry leader in the field and brings extensive, demonstrated experience in building significant infrastructure projects, most notably the successful delivery of the \$203 million Newell Highway upgrade from Mungle Back Creek to Boggabilla which saw extensive local employment and valuable Aboriginal participation.

The project will see approximately 640 jobs supported during the construction process. Fulton Hogan will directly employ around 140 people. Transport for NSW (TfNSW) and Fulton Hogan are committed to ensuring positive outcomes for local and Aboriginal employment and procurement of goods and services from local businesses.



Improving safety



Improving road alignment



640 jobs during construction

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Project Background

The Australian and NSW Governments are jointly funding \$261.17 million for Stage 1 of the Newell Highway Upgrade – Narrabri to Moree heavy duty pavement upgrade (HDPU).

This project forms a major part of the joint Australian and NSW government \$1.7 billion commitment to upgrading the Newell Highway – the longest highway which has inland connections to both Victoria and Queensland.

Key Project Features

Stage 1 of the project includes a total of 27.3 kilometres of heavy duty pavement upgrades along four priority sections (1, 2, 3 & 5) between Narrabri and Moree.

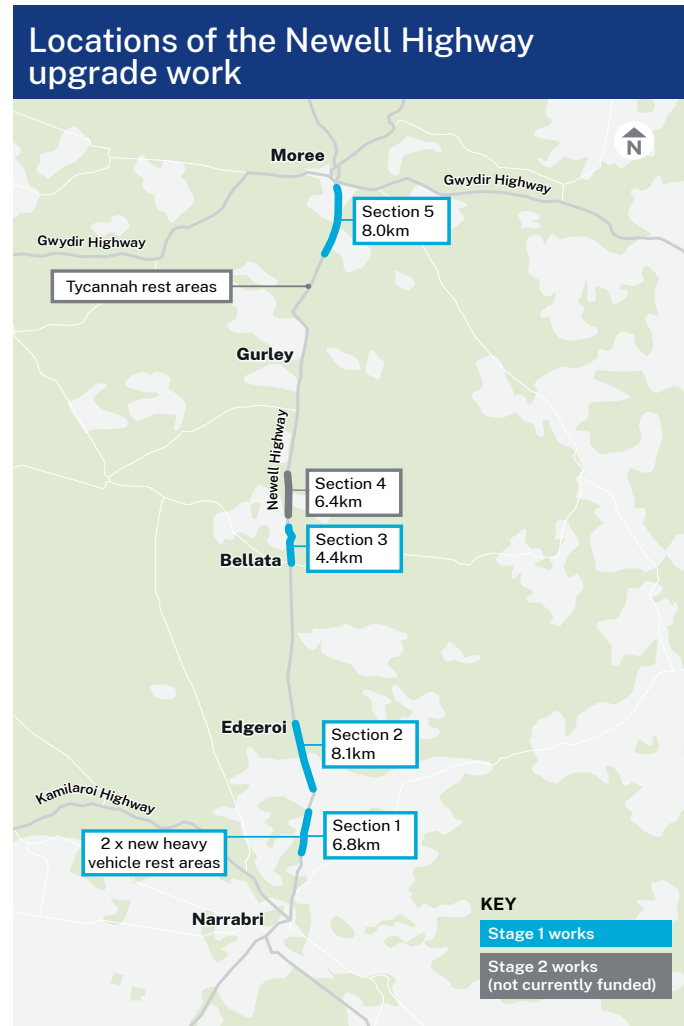
Key features include:

- Provide a heavy duty pavement to meet the existing and future freight needs
- Widen the existing highway and construct a new two-lane highway adjacent to the existing highway with 3.5m lanes, 2m shoulders, and 1m wide centreline
- Provide new 1.5km long overtaking lanes in five locations
- Construction of two new heavy vehicle rest areas in section 1
- Upgrade intersections and right turning lanes
- Improve access to private property and bus stop layouts
- Upgrade of drainage structures.

New Rest Areas

Two new rest areas will be constructed in Section 1 to provide more opportunities for freight operators and road users to stop, take a break and reduce fatigue related crashes along this section of the highway.

This includes an informal (class 5) rest area about eight kilometres north of Narrabri that will be accessible by northbound vehicles only. The second rest area (class 3) will be built about 12 kilometres north of Narrabri with northbound and southbound access and parking for heavy vehicles and light vehicles. It will also include toilets, lighting, picnic shelter, landscaping and rubbish bins.



Section 1 looking southbound towards Narrabri

Construction Timeframe

Construction is planned to start in July 2022. The project will take approximately three and half years to complete with anticipated completion by early 2026.

Fulton Hogan expect to commence work in Section 5 and Section 3 just south of Moree, then working north to south along the alignment from Moree to Narrabri. See the proposed schedule of works to the right.



Section 3: Newell Highway looking southbound at Bellata

Proposed Construction Schedule

Note: these timeframes are subject to change, completion dates weather permitting.

Section	Key features
Section 5 Starts mid 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Two new overtaking lanes • Intersection upgrades at Wallanol Road, Tapscott Road and Burrington Road.
Section 3 Starts mid 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • One new northbound overtaking lane • Intersection upgrades at Temi Street, North Street, Oak Street and Millie Road.
Section 2 Starts late 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Two new overtaking lanes • Bridge Barrier upgrade at Bobbiwaa Creek • Intersection realignment and upgrade at Smithfield Lane, Couradda Road, Tarlee Road and Queen Street.
Section 1 Starts mid 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrading heavy duty pavement • Realignment of highway to improve geometry • Realignment and upgrade of Murrumbilla lane intersection • Construction of a Class 5 (informal) and Class 3 (formal) Heavy Vehicle Rest Area.

