

## Bruxner Highway – Alstonville bypass

The 6.2 kilometre Alstonville bypass will commence at Sneath's Road, Wollongbar and rejoin the highway near the Tropical Research Station at Perry's Hill, east of Alstonville. The project is due to be completed by the end of 2010, weather permitting. The Australian Government has committed \$102 million to the project.

The contract for construction of the Alstonville Bypass was awarded in February 2009 to REED Constructions Australia Pty Ltd. Construction work commenced on site in June 2009.



Bypass main alignment view east from Wollongbar.

### Background

The Australian Government has committed \$90 million over three years for construction of the Alstonville Bypass project. This is in addition to the \$12 million previously provided by the Australian Government towards project planning and pre-construction.

### Project benefits

The bypass will separate through and local traffic. Currently, about half of the highway traffic in Alstonville is not travelling to or from Alstonville / Wollongbar. The location of entry and exit points on the upgrade has been designed to accommodate existing and future land use and travel patterns.

The bypass will provide significant benefits including:

- Quicker journey times for traffic.
- Better traffic flow and safety.
- Reduced through traffic and congestion.
- Reduced waiting times at intersections.
- Better pedestrian access and safety.

### Project update

#### Vegetation removal

All vegetation clearing has been completed along the project. The majority of vegetation has been mulched and will be stockpiled for use later on the project.

#### General earthworks

Top soil has been removed along the majority of the project. The top soil is also being stockpiled and will be used in conjunction with landscaping and revegetation. Sediment controls including sedimentation basins and fences to protect waterways are being installed.

#### Flora and fauna

Threatened species are being managed through processes identified in the Construction Environmental Management Plan. Plants have been relocated where possible. The NSW Wildlife Information Rescue and Education Service (WIRES) have been working closely with the project team. WIRES staff have been on site and are on call when there is a likelihood of threatened fauna being affected by the works.



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# Community Update



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## Managing air quality

The community can be assured that all attempts are being made to minimise dust along the entire length of the project. There are strict environmental guidelines with regard to air quality that need to be met. Six dust monitoring devices have been installed along the project. Mitigation measures to control dust on the upgrade include:

- Watering exposed areas.
- Erecting dust screens.
- Reducing vehicle speeds.
- Rehabilitating disturbed surfaces.

## Keeping the community informed

### Community information sessions

Community information sessions are being held every four to six months. You must register for the evenings by contacting 1800 074588. Community members interested in the project are encouraged to register and attend these meetings. It will be an opportunity to discuss any aspect of the project with the RTA project team and Reed Constructions.

Regular information updates will also be available from [www.rta.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au).

## What's happening during the next three months?

### Works to continue

- Drainage and pavement work on local access roads and the Ellis Road deviation.
- Property adjustments and new access provisions.
- Mulching cleared vegetation.
- Concrete piling at Kays Lane bridge.

### Works to be completed

- Installing stormwater detention basins near Mellis Circuit.
- Installing sedimentation controls west of Kays Lane.

## New works to commence

- Building earth mounds from stripped topsoil.
- Commencing earthworks to the new road formation.
- Commencing pavement gravel trials on the main alignment at the eastern end.
- Installing major drainage lines under the road embankments.
- Constructing the cattle underpass concrete slab between Wardell Road and Kays Lane.
- Constructing a side road detour on Wardell Road.
- Preliminary works to install noise wall barriers.
- Commencing bridge piling at Maguires Creek arch and Wardell Road bridge.
- Commencing earth fill approach ramps for flyover at Kays Lane.
- Installing bridge piers at Kays Lane.
- Commencing bridge abutment works at Wardell Road.

Construction will be undertaken Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday, 8am to 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any work occurring outside these normal construction hours.

Temporary traffic controls and reduced speed limits will be in operation. Motorists are asked to obey all signs and directions to help ensure the safety of workers and other road users.

### Contact details

Please contact the project team if you have any enquiries or complaints by:

- Phone: **1800 074 588**
- Post: PO Box 360, Alstonville NSW 2477
- Email: [avbp@reedgroup.com.au](mailto:avbp@reedgroup.com.au)
- Visit: Display at Kays Lane Industrial area.

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