

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

August 2009 update

Site work on the \$25 million contract, awarded to NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd, to construct the final stage of the 54 kilometre MR92 Upgrade commenced in July. This contract is for the final stage of the upgrade between Nowra and Nerriga and work is expected to be completed in late 2010. The sections east and west of Sassafras have now been cleared and topsoil stripping and earthworks are now in progress.

This stage will deliver 20 kilometres of upgraded road from Tianjara Falls to Billy's Hill near Bulee Gap and will link the first two stages of the upgrade. Much of this stage of the construction is adjacent to Morton National Park or through Sassafras. While most of the road works closely follow the existing alignment there will be major improvements to the steep incline east of Sassafras.

Stage one, the 24 kilometres from Hames Road, Nowra to Morton National Park, was finished in June 2007.

Construction of Stage two, the nine kilometres which extends from near the Touga Road junction (just east of the Bulee Mountain area at Billy's Hill) to Nerriga, is also being constructed by NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd. This stage is now well advanced and is expected to be open to traffic in August 2009 (weather permitting).

Stage two includes major improvements, widening, realigning and sealing of the steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River. A feature of this section of the upgrade is construction of high retaining walls beside the "beehive" rock formations at the western extent of Morton National Park.

The new 4 span concrete bridge near Bulee Gap was opened to traffic in July. Traffic is now using the new alignment and this month the last of the new pavement was bitumen sealed. Work in progress includes completing concrete and steel safety barriers, line marking and revegetating the landscape.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to Stage two or Stage three construction activities, please call the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Merv Eagle on **0424 667 174**, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on **0412 464 866**.

Changes to road conditions

Motorists are advised to drive carefully throughout the construction area and also on the remaining sections of gravel road as the road conditions are variable. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as the unsealed sections of the road can be slippery and suitable only for 4WD vehicles.

For current road conditions visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports .