

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

July 2007 Update

Stage one construction

The first stage of the \$80 million upgrade of Main Road 92, has been completed by contractor Cut and Fill Pty Ltd, and the 24 kilometre section from Hames Road to Morton National Park is open to traffic.

The first stage of the Main Road 92 Upgrade began in April 2006 and involved widening, strengthening and sealing the existing gravel roadway. This stage also included building a new junction with Turpentine Road and significantly improving the alignment of four kilometres of winding road at Georges Yard, 18 kilometres west of Hames Road.

Stage two construction

Tenders for stage two of the MR92 Upgrade closed in June and are presently being assessed. The second stage of the project involves upgrading nine kilometres of the route, from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road to Nerriga, including construction of a new bridge near Bulee Gap.

The new Bulee Bridge will be a 60 metre long, four span concrete structure with 15 metre concrete planks supported by twin column piers. This stage will also involve building several high retaining walls along the steeply graded Bulee Mountain section. A large fauna underpass will be located near the Endrick River to allow koalas and other wildlife to move under the route safely.

Other works in progress

Detailed design of the remaining 20 kilometre section of the upgrade, from Morton National Park to Billy's Hill is progressing well. This section will include retaining walls for the steep grade on the eastern approach to Sassafras. Work to adjust Telstra utilities is nearing completion and protection of the Eastern Gas Pipeline at road crossings is continuing at Sassafras.

Changes to road conditions

Motorists are advised to drive carefully on the remaining sections of gravel road as utility adjustments are incomplete and the road conditions vary. Particular care should be taken in wet weather as unsealed sections of the road can become slippery.

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