

Main Road 92 upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

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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.

Stage two construction

The contract for the second stage of the upgrade between Nowra and Nerriga was awarded to Nace Civil Engineering Pty Ltd.

This stage of the project involves the upgrade of a nine kilometre section by widening, re-aligning and sealing the existing gravel road from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road to Nerriga. The contract value is \$22.5 million.

The contract also includes the construction of:

- a new 60 metre long, four span concrete bridge near Bulee Gap.
- several high retaining walls along the steeply graded Bulee Mountain section.
- a large fauna underpass designed to allow koalas and other wildlife to cross the road safely just east of the Endrick River.

Stringent environmental measures are included to preserve heritage features of Wool Road at Bulee Mountain, to protect and conserve Indigenous heritage and to mitigate impacts on Morton National Park.

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 structures for the steep grade on the eastern approach to Sassafras. Work to adjust Telstra utilities is being finalised and protection of the Eastern Gas Pipeline at road crossings is complete 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