

# Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

## October 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.

### Stage two construction

A \$22.5 million contract for the second stage of the upgrade between Nowra and Nerriga has been awarded to Nace Civil Engineering Pty Ltd.

The second stage of the upgrade will widen, realign and seal nine kilometres of the existing gravel road from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road (from the Touga Road junction just west of the Bulee mountain area) to Nerriga.

The contractor has recently established the site office at Sassafras for Stage two construction and future stages of the work. Clearing and other works to start construction are currently scheduled to commence in November.

This stage of the upgrade will improve the steep and narrow section from Bulee Gap to the Endrick River which 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.

Indigenous heritage investigations and archival photographic recording of heritage features in the Bulee Mountain heritage area have been completed in advance of the construction work. Rock anchoring, which involved a partial closure of the road near Bulee Gap, was also completed in July and August.

The upgrade route west of the Endrick River closely follows the existing alignment through rolling pastoral land to the village of Nerriga.

### Other works in progress

Detailed design of the remaining 20 kilometre section of the upgrade, from Morton National Park to Billy's Hill is being completed. This section will include retaining structures for the steep grade on the eastern approach to 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 visit [www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports)