

Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

December 2007 Update

Stage one construction

The first stage of the \$80 million upgrade of Main Road 92 has been completed 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 to widen, realign and seal nine kilometres of the existing gravel road from 44 kilometres west of Hames Road (from the Touga Road junction just east of the Bulee mountain area) to Nerriga.

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.

The site office for Stage two construction and future stages of the work has been established at Sassafras and clearing for construction of the eastern part of Stage 2 commenced in late November.

Part of the work is through the western area of Morton National Park. It has remnants of the colonial heritage "Wool Road", together with several Indigenous heritage sites and threatened flora species that will be carefully preserved during construction.

The construction site will close down over Christmas from 21 December 2007 to 7 January 2008. For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to construction activities please call the NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd site engineer, Clinton Woods on **0412 490 602**, or the project supervisor, Bob Meins on **0412 464 866**.

Other works in progress

Detailed design of the remaining 20 kilometre section of the upgrade, from Morton National Park to Billy's Hill is nearing completion in preparation for advertising the Stage three contract.

Changes to road conditions

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

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