

# Main Road 92 Upgrade, Nowra to Nerriga

## June 2009 update

The \$25 million contract to construct the final stage of the 54 kilometre MR92 Upgrade has been awarded to NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd. This contract is the final stage of the upgrade between Nowra and Nerriga and work is expected to start in July 2009 and be completed in late 2010.

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 from Bulee to Nerriga, is well advanced and is expected to be open to traffic in August 2009 (weather permitting). The contract for Stage two, which extends from near the Touga Road junction (just east of the Bulee Mountain area at Billy's Hill) to Nerriga, was awarded to NACE Civil Engineering Pty Ltd in July 2007.

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 and a new four span bridge near Bulee Gap.

On Stage two, over 7.5 kilometres of the new pavement has now been bitumen sealed and traffic is being switched onto the new alignment as sections are completed. Finishing works in progress include concrete kerbing, concrete safety barriers, wire rope safety fence, landscaping and revegetation.

For all enquiries concerning operational matters relating to Stage two 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**.

## 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](http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/trafficreports) .