Road work on Solitary Islands Way, Blackadder Creek starting in June

Roads and Maritime Services will be carrying out work to lower the road level on a section of the old Pacific Highway, near Blackadder Creek.

The work will involve lowering a 270-metre section of road to match the road levels prior to the original safety work completed in 2012. The project will involve rebuilding the road surface to transition into the lowered section, installing new drainage and removing the centre median wire rope barrier. We will also be removing old sections of road pavement on the western side of Solitary Islands Way. The total length of the project will be 440 metres.

Roads and Maritime committed to completing these works in response to community concerns and detailed investigation.

To allow us to finish the work safely and efficiently, we will need to close this section of Solitary Islands Way at times during the project. More details about these closures are contained later in the notification. We have included a map to show the location of the project and detours.

Starting in June we will be working between 7am and 6pm weekdays and expect to complete the project in December, weather permitting. We will write to you again prior to work starting.

How will the work affect you?
During the project there will be times when we will need to close Solitary Islands Way at Blackadder Creek to through traffic during weekday work hours (7am to 6pm).

During these times, through traffic will be restricted to school buses and emergency vehicles under escort. It is estimated two closure periods will be required, up to one month at a time, weather permitting.

The first closure is planned for August 2019, weather permitting.

We will write to you again at least one week before the closures. We will also inform the community of the closure dates via the media and electronic message boards.

Traffic changes
At all other times, traffic will be reduced to one lane, alternate flow for the duration of the project. A 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times. Motorists should allow up to 10 minutes extra travel time during this work. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Contact
If you have any questions or concerns about the work outlined in this notification, please contact our project team on 131 782 or grafton.regional.office@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.
Access to the Pacific Highway for traffic north of Blackadder Creek is via the Range Road interchange.

Access to the Pacific Highway for traffic south of Blackadder Creek is via the Arrawarra interchange.

Closed to traffic from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday at times during the project (weather permitting).

Extra travel involved:
- Traffic north of Blackadder Creek: +6 minutes, +10km
- Traffic south of Blackadder Creek: +5 minutes, +7.3km

If you need help understanding this information, please contact the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to call us on 131 782.