Dignams Creek upgrade
Princes Highway
Construction update June 2017

Contractor: York Civil
Start of construction date: April 2017
Expected completion date: Mid 2019 (weather permitting)
Project value and funding: $45 million
NSW State Government funding

Roads and Maritime Services is upgrading the Princes Highway at Dignams Creek to improve safety and efficiency. The $45 million upgrade will improve road safety by widening the current highway for about 800 metres and building a new two kilometre section of road to current highway standards. It also includes new bridges over Dignams Creek and Dignams Creek Road.

Work on the upgrade started in April 2017. Over the last two months the focus has been on setting up the site compound and putting in place some of the water quality controls such as sediment basins for the upgrade. Now this has been achieved we will be starting major construction work, including the clearing of vegetation and major earthwork toward the northern end of the site.

What has happened to date?
- Completed set up of the site compound and stockpile sites to store materials for the project
- Completed one of the sediment basins to help with water quality control
- Started vegetation clearing and mulching on the northern section of the site to allow for major earthworks to begin

What is happening in the next three months?
- Constructing a number of sediment basins to protect water quality of nearby waterways during construction
- Completing vegetation clearing on the northern section of the site and starting vegetation clearing on the southern section
- Progressing the construction plan for the bridges over Dignams Creek and Dignams Creek Road
- Starting work on the large drainage pipes (culverts)
- Installing geotechnical monitoring equipment to test for soft soils within the work site
- Starting major earthworks at the northern end of the job to build a temporary road for the highway diversion
- Hauling fill material around the site and across the Princes Highway

Construction hours
Work on the upgrade will be carried out between 7am to 6pm, from Monday to Friday. Over the next three months work will also be carried out between 8am and 1pm on a Saturday. This will help progress work involving haulage of fill material across the Princes Highway more quickly. We will give advance notice of any work required outside these hours, including night work.

Traffic arrangements
From early June 2017 you will start to see more heavy vehicles working and moving around the site. The speed limit on the Princes Highway will be reduced and stop/slow traffic control will be needed at times to keep the worksite safe. For the safety of our workers and road users we ask that you follow all speed restrictions, signage and traffic control as you pass through the worksite.

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