

Intersection improvements at Heathcote Road and Macarthur Drive, Hammondville Project update

July 2016

The NSW Government is funding this work as part of its \$246 million Pinch Point Program, which aims to reduce traffic delays, manage congestion and improve travel times on Sydney's major roads, particularly during weekday peak periods.

Roads and Maritime Services is making changes to the signalised roundabout at Heathcote Road and Macarthur Drive to reduce congestion. This includes:

- Removing the existing traffic lights
- Installing a traffic light that controls southbound road users turning right from Heathcote Road into Macarthur Drive
- Installing new medians
- New linemarking to help prevent illegal movements in the roundabout.

Project background

Access changes to the Holsworthy Army Barracks have made some improvement to congestion at the roundabout but more work is needed to further improve traffic flows.

The high number of southbound road users turning right from Heathcote Road into Macarthur Drive limits the flow of northbound traffic through the roundabout. The current traffic lights stop southbound motorists turning right into Macarthur Drive to allow northbound traffic to flow through the intersection. However, this also stops southbound through traffic and causes delays and queuing.

The new traffic light and median will:

- Allow northbound road users more frequent movement through the roundabout by limiting the time southbound road users have to turn right into Macarthur Drive
- Allow southbound road users travelling straight on Heathcote Road to move freely through the roundabout when the lights are in operation.
- Stop southbound road users on Heathcote Road turning right from the left hand lane.

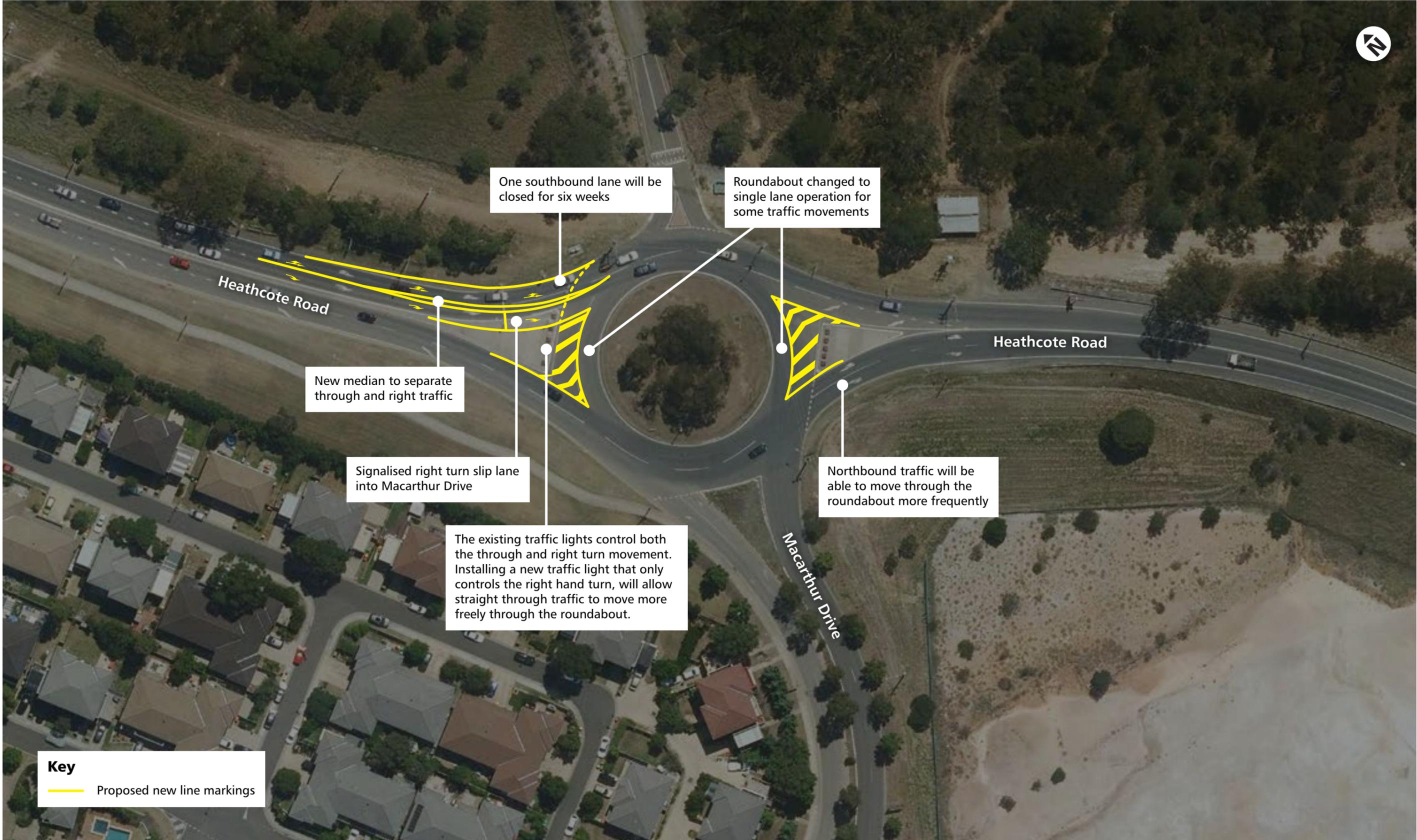
We have included a map to help explain the project.

Community consultation

Roads and Maritime Services sought feedback from the community and stakeholders in October and November 2015 on this short-term solution to ease congestion and improve traffic flows at the roundabout and a construction schedule for the project.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to consider our proposal. No concerns were raised and we have decided to proceed with the proposal and night work construction schedule working up to five night shifts a week for up to two weeks.

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Start of work

This work will take 20 day shifts and 10 night shifts to complete between Monday 25 July and Monday 19 September, excluding public holidays and weather permitting.

Our working hours will be from **7am to 5pm** and **8pm to 5am, Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**.

The work includes:

- Installing temporary safety barriers
- Building a 1.2 metre wide concrete median on Heathcote Road north of the roundabout
- Removing the existing traffic lights
- Installing a new traffic light in the centre median to control southbound road users turning right into Macarthur Drive
- Restricting some traffic movements on the roundabout to a single lane for six weeks during construction
- Removing concrete kerb and median, and
- New line markings.

How will the work affect you?

There will be some noise associated with this work but we will make every effort to minimise its impact, including doing the noisier work during the day when possible, or finishing it by 11pm. We expect noisier construction activities will only be required on two nights.

Traffic changes

In order to deliver this important project as quickly as possible, lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times.

We will be closing one southbound lane for about six weeks from Monday 25 July to early September.

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**.

Long-term planning

In 2015, the NSW Government committed \$4 million toward planning a long-term solution to reduce congestion on Heathcote Road. Roads and Maritime consulted with the community and stakeholders in July 2015 on a proposal to upgrade it to a four lane divided road between Infantry Parade, Holsworthy and The Avenue, Voyager Point.

Work to complete a concept design and environmental impact assessment are underway. For more information on this proposal, visit **www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects**, call the project team on **1800 749 119** or email **heathcoteroadupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au**.

Other Roads and Maritime projects in your area

We invited feedback in March 2016 on a proposed intersection improvement at Bardia Parade and Walder Road, Hammondville. For further information, contact our delivery partner **DownerMouchel** on **1800 332 660** or email **enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com**.

Contact

If you have any questions on the Heathcote Road and Macarthur Drive improvements, please contact our delivery partner **DownerMouchel** on **1800 332 660** or email **enquiries_nsw@downermouchel.com**. For more information on our projects, visit **www.rms.nsw.gov.au**.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.



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