

Camp Street Bridge replacement

Frequently asked questions – August 2019

About the project

What is happening?

The NSW Government is replacing the Camp Street Bridge in Forbes to improve safety for road users and help reduce future maintenance costs.

The existing Camp Street Bridge was built in 1927 and is now in poor condition due to age. The bridge is narrow and does not provide for pedestrians and cyclists.

A new bridge is needed to meet current design standards and improve safety for motorists and pedestrians into the future.

The project involves building a new, wider bridge across Lake Forbes with wider lanes and pedestrian and cycle paths, which will improve safety for motorists and pedestrians.

The existing bridge will be demolished and a new bridge constructed at the same location. The existing pedestrian footbridge will be relocated and reused. Forbes Shire Council will decide on the new location for the footbridge.

What will the new bridge look like?

The new bridge will have two 3.5 metre lanes with a 1.5 metre shoulder on both sides of the road and cyclist/pedestrian footpaths. The new bridge will connect to the existing footpaths surrounding the Lake.

The new bridge will be the same height as the current bridge. The lamp posts from the current bridge will be featured in the landscaping on either side of the new bridge.

The new bridge will be 70 metres long, which is 11 metres longer than the current bridge.

You can view an aerial flyover and visualisations of the new bridge by visiting rms.work/forbesbridge.



Visualisation of the new Camp Street Bridge

Why is the bridge being replaced?

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What is happening with the existing pedestrian footbridge?

The existing pedestrian footbridge will be relocated from Camp Street and reused. Forbes Shire Council will carry out this work and decide on the new location for the footbridge.

How is the new bridge safer for pedestrians?

The new bridge features a dedicated pedestrian pathway including a four metre wide shared path and a two metre footway. The provision of the dedicated pedestrian pathway and increased shoulder width improve pedestrian safety on the bridge.

Will the level of the new bridge be raised?

No. The proposed bridge is designed to match the height of the current bridge to enable the existing flow of water to be maintained.

Raising the bridge would create more waterway obstruction on both of the road approaches either side of the bridge. This would have an adverse effect during a flood event and could impact on upstream development.

How will the old bridge be remembered?

The design of the new bridge is respecting the heritage values of the old bridge. The following elements have been incorporated into the design of the new bridge:

- The lamp posts will be re-used as part of the proposed urban design landscaping in order to retain and re-use the items of key visual and heritage value from the old bridge
- A heritage interpretation area will be located on the western bank of Lake Forbes, to the south of the bridge. The proposed heritage interpretation area will include interpretive signage to provide context for the history of the original bridge

Detailed quality photographic recordings of the bridge will also be completed prior to the work commencing. Copies of the photographic recordings would be provided to the State Library of NSW, Forbes Shire Council and the Forbes and District Historical Society as a heritage resource for future researchers.

The lamp posts on the existing bridge will be removed prior to construction and stored in a safe location for installation in the landscaping approaches to the new bridge. The remaining light fittings will be gifted to Forbes Shire Council.



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Construction

When will construction start and finish?

Construction will start on Monday 26 August and is expected to be completed by August 2020, weather permitting.

The contract for the project has been awarded to Abergeldie Contractors Pty Ltd.

The bridge contractor was selected from an externally advertised competitive tender process, undertaken in accordance with the NSW Government guidelines.

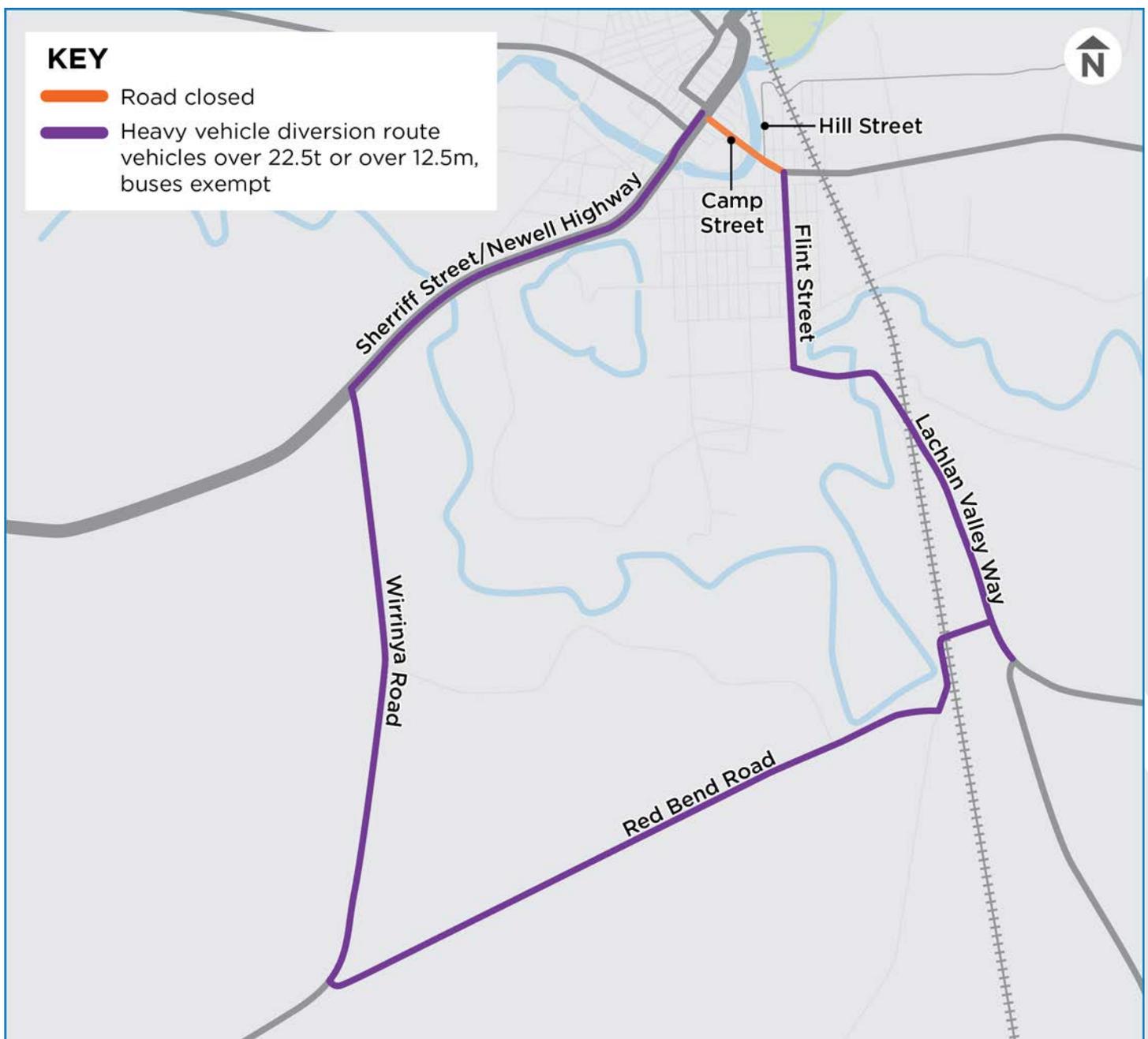
Construction of the road approaches and landscaping will be carried out by Forbes Shire Council on behalf of Roads and Maritime Services.

Will access across the lake be impacted during construction?

Yes, the bridge will be closed to all traffic and pedestrians during construction. There will be no access across the lake at Camp Street.

Alternative access for light vehicles and school buses will be available using local roads.

A heavy vehicle detour will be in place for vehicles over 22.5t or over 12.5m (school buses excluded). Heavy vehicles will be detoured via Wirrinya Road. The heavy vehicle detour route will be in place for around 43 weeks and will be sign posted during construction.



Heavy vehicle detour map

How will pedestrian and cyclists cross the lake during construction?

Pedestrians will be detoured during the construction period. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to use Johnny Woods Crossing or the pedestrian footbridge opposite the Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre.

Will the work impact the lake environment?

The work will not have an adverse impact on the lake or the environment. The bridge contractor will be required to use best practice environmental controls during construction.

Will the work be noisy or dusty?

There will be some noise and dust impacts during construction but these will be limited to daylight hours and will be in accordance with specified environmental standards.

We will consult with properties expected to be impacted and provide appropriate notice prior commencing these works.

Where will the site compound be located?

The site compound will be located on Sir Francis Forbes Park, east of the bridge.

Where can I find more information?

Contact the project team:



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More information is also available at:



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