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## **Construction contract awarded for duplication of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang.**

**The Australian and NSW governments have each committed funding for this project to improve traffic flow and cater for future traffic growth.**

Roads and Maritime Services has engaged WBHO McIlwain Joint Venture to duplicate 3.8 kilometres of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road between Industrial Drive, Mayfield West and Egret Street, Kooragang, including the construction of a second bridge over the Hunter River.

The upgrade will improve traffic flow and cater for the expected increase in traffic volumes from future urban development in Port Stephens, the expansion of Newcastle Airport and growth of industrial development on Kooragang Island.

Enabling work for the upgrade was carried out late last year. Major construction is expected to start in May 2016 with completion expected by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

Key features of the upgrade include:

- Duplicating 3.8 kilometres of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road between Industrial Drive, Mayfield West and Egret Street, Kooragang to provide two lanes in each direction
- A new two lane bridge over the Hunter River on the western side of the existing bridge
- Provision of 2.5 metre shoulders along Cormorant Road to cater for on-road cyclists
- Minimising impact on the Long Pond by mainly widening the road on the southern side of the existing Cormorant Road
- Maintaining access to existing businesses along Cormorant Road
- Catering for future industrial development on Kooragang Island next to the existing road.

Roads and Maritime will continue to keep stakeholders and the community informed as the project progresses.

### **Contact**

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