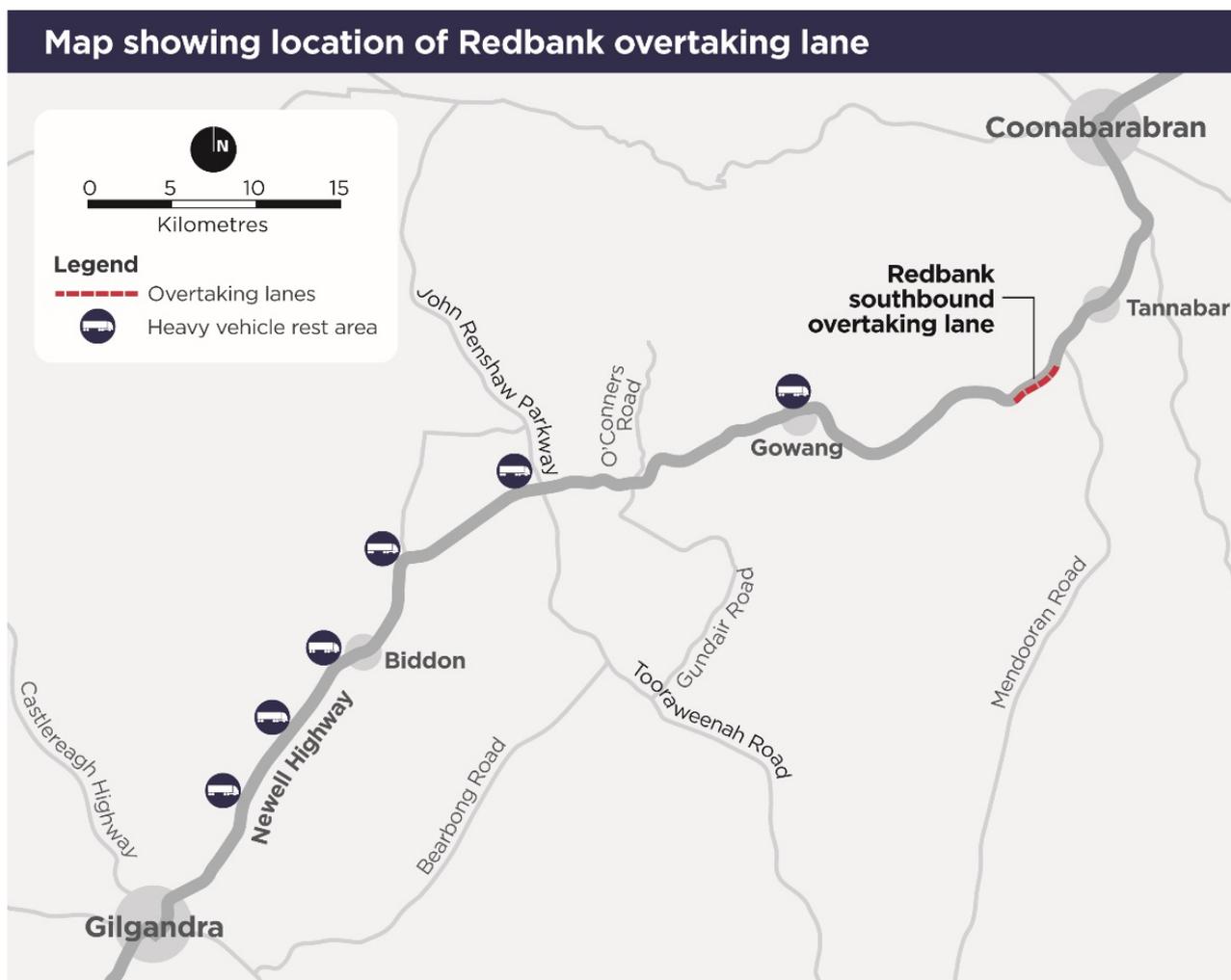


## Work to start on extending the overtaking lane on Newell Highway, south of Coonabarabran, from Tuesday 21 July 2020

The Newell Highway Program Alliance is extending the 650 metre southbound overtaking lane, about 26 kilometres south of Coonabarabran, to improve safety, reduce travel times and improve freight productivity.



We will be extending the existing southbound overtaking lane, south of Mendooran Road, to a total length of 1.5 kilometres.

Work will start on **Tuesday 21 July 2020** and is expected to take five months to complete, weather permitting.

Work will be carried out on a two-week rotating roster as below:

- **Week 1:** Tuesday to Friday 7am to 6pm; Saturday and Sunday 8am to 6pm
- **Week 2:** Monday to Thursday 7am to 6pm; No work Friday to Monday

## What are we doing?

Initial work includes establishing a site compound, stockpile site and fencing. Other work to be carried out includes installing environmental controls, removing vegetation, and road widening.

We will keep the community regularly informed about the progress of the work and any changes.

Once completed, road users on the Newell Highway will experience improved safety and more efficient travel times along this section of the Newell Highway.

## How will this affect me?

The work will involve the use of machinery which generates some noise. We will make every effort to minimise noise by arranging the work in stages at different locations and turning off machinery and vehicles when not in use.

There is likely to be some dust from the clearing, vegetation removal and earthworks. We will use measures to minimise or prevent air pollution and dust, including covering exposed areas.

This two-week rotating roster will enable work on the overtaking lane sites to continue during this unprecedented time and continue to help support regional economies.

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## Traffic changes

There will also be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe. This will include reduced speed zones and partial lane closures along the Newell Highway.

Road users are advised to drive to the conditions, keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic control and all signs. Reduced speed limit will apply at all times throughout the project and will vary from 40km/h to 60km/h during work hours, and 80km/hr after work hours.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

## What else is happening?

The Newell Highway Program Alliance has delivered 12 of about 30 additional overtaking lanes along the Newell Highway since the program started in March 2019. There are a further six overtaking lanes in construction including Tap Hill, Lower Tap Hill and Pilliga.

More information on this and other overtaking lane projects along the Newell Highway can be found on our project website at [nswroads.work/nhpa](http://nswroads.work/nhpa).



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