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## Work outside of normal construction hours for the new Grafton bridge

**The NSW Government is funding the new \$240 million Grafton bridge. As part of the project, work outside of normal construction hours will be required between Wednesday, 8 November and Friday, 17 November 2017.**

The approved construction hours for the project are Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm. This work will **start work at 1am**, when required, between the above dates.

We expect work will only be required **three times** between the above dates.

The work is located around northern bank of the Clarence River in the project's northern construction zone, which is located in the vicinity of Greaves Street.

### Work required

The work will include cleaning a pile hole (which has already been drilled), installing reinforcing cages and pouring concrete for the piles that make up pier seven. It will use concrete agitators, a piling rig, a crane, lighting towers and hand tools.

### Why the early start?

The early start is necessary because, for large structures such as this pile, we need to pour concrete during cooler periods, which are generally in the early morning. This is because high temperatures can affect the quality of concrete. Prior to pouring, preparation work of a few hours is required. This preparation work cannot be done the day before because the pile hole needs to be cleaned within six hours of pouring the concrete.

We have looked at all options to complete the work during a more suitable time, including changing the method used and the mix and type of concrete. However, none are feasible at this time.

### How does the work impact me?

There will be some impacts associated with this work. We will mitigate these by:

- installing noise screens around the piling rig
  - fitting machines with reversing 'squawkers' rather than 'beepers'
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- directing light towers downwards to reduce light spill
- directing trucks through the work site down Pound Street, rather than via Villiers, Bacon and Kent streets
- turning machines off when not in use
- changing concrete vibrator tips to rubber-sheathed options
- using one generator which can be silenced instead of using multiple small motors
- completing the noisier activities during the day.

We will also conduct noise monitoring and project staff will be contactable via 1800 918 759 to immediately address any concerns.

We apologise for the impacts this work will cause.

### Contact us

If you would like to make an enquiry or complaint, or to register your general feedback, please contact the Community Relations Team on 1800 918 759. Alternatively you can email [griftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au](mailto:griftonbridgecommunity@fultonhogan.com.au); write to PO Box 546 Grafton, NSW 2460 or visit the Community Display Centre at the corner of Duke and Pound streets, Grafton.

For more information on this project, visit [www.rms.nsw.gov.au/griftonbridge](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/griftonbridge).



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