The NSW Government is investing $178 million to duplicate the Pacific Highway between Ourimbah Street and Parsons Road at Lisarow. Roads and Maritime Services contracted Daracon Group to build the upgrade and work started in February 2019.

Major work is continuing on the upgrade to help improve traffic flow, safety and travel times for around 30,000 motorists travelling on this 1.6 kilometre section of highway each day.
Key features

- Two lanes in each direction on the Pacific Highway
- A new bridge across the rail line, replacing the existing narrow bridge at Railway Crescent
- New traffic lights at the Railway Crescent and Tuggerah Street (formerly Macdonalds Road) intersection with the Pacific Highway
- Upgrading the existing traffic lights at The Ridgeway
- Improved pedestrian and cycle paths along the highway
- Improved access to parking at Lisarow Railway Station

Retaining wall
We started work on the new northbound lanes of the Pacific Highway near the Lisarow cemetery. In the next few months, we will be installing 95 piles to retain the area cut next to the highway. These piles will be drilled to a depth of up to 11 metres. Steel reinforcement will be lowered into the holes before they are filled with concrete. Panels will be installed to the front of the piles after the material has been removed and drainage work is carried out in late 2020.

Ground improvement work
Ground improvement work will be carried out next to the bridge. This involves mixing grout into 506 holes which are around 20 metres deep.

Lisarow rail overbridge
The new overbridge across the main northern railway line will be built in halves. The northbound bridge will be built first and traffic will then be switched onto the new bridge. The new bridge will be higher and longer than the existing bridge.

The old bridge will be demolished before the second half of the bridge is built. The span of the bridge across the rail line is around 35 metres, and a total of 67 piles will be used to support the bridge.

Temporary platforms are being built to support the large piling rig required to start work on the foundations for the northbound bridge. The foundations will be drilled to depths of up to 27 metres.

Upcoming work
Key construction activities planned for the next three months include:

- Continue utilities and service relocation
- Start piling for the new Lisarow rail overbridge across the main northern railway line
- Continue construction for the new alignment of Railway Crescent
- Continue construction of retaining walls on the Pacific Highway and north of the Railway Crescent intersection
- Continue ground improvement work for the future alignment of the highway between The Ridgeway and Parsons Road
- Start earthwork for widening of The Ridgeway.
Work hours

Standard work hours are from 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and from 8am to 1 pm on Saturdays. We may be working outside of normal working hours at times, including at night from 6pm to 7am.

We will continue to notify directly impacted residents and businesses with more detailed information about night work or continuous work during rail line trackwork shutdowns.

There will be no work on site between Christmas and New Year, but the reduced speed limits will remain in place for the safety of motorists.

Traffic changes

Temporary traffic changes may be in place to ensure the work zone is safe including a reduced 40 km/h speed limit, temporary traffic diversions and local road closures.

Dora Street remains closed to all through traffic at its intersection with Railway Crescent with a detour via Cambourn Avenue and Excelsior Street to access Railway Crescent.

Contact us

If you have any questions, would like more information or want to make a complaint about the Pacific Highway duplication at Lisarow please contact our project team:

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