



# New England Highway – Singleton Bypass

## Project Update – Early work

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The Australian Government has invested \$560 million and the NSW Government \$140 million to build the Singleton Bypass. The Bypass will improve travel times, freight efficiency and safety for local and interstate motorists.

A preferred option for the Bypass was announced in 2016 and involves building a new section of highway west of Singleton across the floodplain, starting near Newington Lane and rejoining the New England Highway north of McDougalls Hill.

The concept design and environmental assessment were displayed for public comment from December 2019 to March 2020, and the project was approved in August 2020.

In April 2021, the NSW Government announced the project would include a full interchange at Putty Road to provide access to the town centre from the Bypass.

### Key features:

The Bypass will include:

- About eight kilometres of new highway with a single lane in each direction
- A 1.8 kilometre bridge across the Main Northern Railway, Doughboy Hollow and Hunter River floodplains
- Connections at the southern and northern ends of the Bypass, at Putty Road and at Gowrie Gates

### Project benefits

Key benefits of the Bypass include:

- Improve traffic flow and travel times for freight and general traffic along the New England Highway travelling through Singleton
- Improve safety through the town centre by reducing traffic including heavy vehicles
- Improve the amenity of the Singleton town centre by removing significant amounts of through traffic.

### Work underway

In the past few months, we have concentrated on early enabling work including:

- Additional environmental assessments to inform a revised design which includes the full Putty Road interchange and changes to the southern connection
- Surveys to determine final project boundaries
- Aboriginal heritage salvage from the Hunter River to the New England Highway at Gowrie Gates
- Release of tenders for adjustments to the Ausgrid electrical network, communications network, and building demolition work
- Award fencing contract and installation of a site compound for early construction work on the southern side of the New England Highway at Gowrie Gates.



*Geotechnical investigations*

## Early Work

Transport for NSW will start early work and will be continuing investigations from December 2022, weather permitting.

Daytime work will be carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and on Saturday between 8am and 1pm and include:

- Installing fencing along the corridor
- Demolition of existing buildings
- Relocation of power and communication public utilities
- Additional geotechnical investigations
- Additional ground survey.

No work will be carried out from Saturday 24 December to Saturday 7 January 2023.

## Traffic changes

At times there may be temporary lane closures and reduced speed limits.

Please keep to the sign posted speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers. For the latest traffic updates, call 132 701, visit [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or check the Live Traffic App.

## Next steps

An addendum Review of Environmental Factors will be published in early 2023 to include the proposed full interchange at Putty Road.

We have shortlisted contractors as part of our formal tender process and expect to announce the contractor in mid-2023 to design and build the Bypass.

Major work on the Bypass will start in late-2023, weather permitting and it is expected to be open to traffic by end of 2026. We will keep the community informed as the project progresses.

## Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more information please contact our project team:

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