Start of work for duplication of Tourle Street and Cormorant Road at Kooragang from Friday 29 April 2016

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 recently 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.

We will be working Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and Saturday between 8am and 1pm to set up site compounds to prepare for major construction work. We expect to complete site establishment in three weeks, weather permitting. We will let you know in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

The compounds will include site offices, amenities, stockpiles, equipment storage, and carparking for use during construction. The compounds will be located on vacant land adjacent to the northern approach to the existing Tourle Street Bridge and off an access road on the southern side of Cormorant Road about 800 metres east of the existing bridge.

Major construction will start from mid May and will be carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm and Saturday between 8am and 1pm. Night work will also be carried out during the project and we will notify residents and businesses before this takes place.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

How will the work affect you?

There will be little noise associated with establishing the site compounds. We will make every effort to minimise any noise and will let you know in advance of any potentially noisy activities.

We will maintain access to businesses along Tourle Street and Cormorant Road throughout the project and will discuss any temporary changes to access arrangements in advance.
Traffic changes
There will be some temporary traffic changes during major construction to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel time. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App for iPhone, iPad and Android.

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.