Batemans Bay Bridge replacement

Finalising the design and starting early work
Roads and Maritime Services | August 2018

The NSW Government committed $274 million to construct the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project. John Holland was announced as the preferred tenderer to design and build the project in May 2018 and will soon start early work.

**Finalising the detailed design**
John Holland is using the recommendations from the submissions report to help shape the detailed design of the project later this year. The submissions report reviewed all community feedback received during the display of the concept design last year. The detailed design will be available to the community later this year.

**Community input required to finalise foreshore design**
A Foreshore Advisory Committee is being established to provide advice on the design of the foreshore including parking, recreational areas, access to the river, landscaping and artwork. We are seeking three community members to participate in this committee. They will work with a selection of representatives from Roads and Maritime, local agencies, community groups and Council on the final foreshore design.

To apply please visit rms.nsw.gov.au/batemansbaybridge or call 1800 870 119.

More investigations are being carried out to consider the impacts to local flora and fauna.
Geotechnical and utility investigations

John Holland will carry out investigations to confirm the location of utilities and conditions above and below the ground on both sides of and within the Clyde River. Roads and Maritime will carry out geotechnical work at various locations near the highway on the southern side of the river, including the former Batemans Bay Bowling Club.

Our work schedule

We will be working from Monday 27 August to later this year, weather permitting. Work will take place between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday, and Saturday 8am to 1pm, excluding public holidays. Further notifications will be distributed if required.

How will the work affect you?

This work includes drilling small holes to collect soil samples and pushing a steel cone into the ground to assess the firmness of the earth. Underwater investigations will be carried out by a specialised diving crew from vessels in the river including a barge.

There will be some noise associated during these works. Every effort will be made to minimise noise levels.

Traffic changes

There will be temporary traffic changes to ensure the safety of workers. One lane closure may be required at times. Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and the directions of traffic controllers.

Inspecting biodiversity and water quality

We will be inspecting the biodiversity in the project area. This will involve walking through the project site and surrounding areas to observe vegetation conditions and local wildlife habitats.

We will also be surveying seagrass in Clyde River near the existing Batemans Bay Bridge. This will provide information on the condition of the seagrass and inform ways to manage impacts during and after construction.

We will also be identifying locations for ongoing water quality and sediment checks surrounding the Batemans Bay Bridge aimed at maintaining quality during construction.

How will the work affect you?

There will be small boats and divers on the river to carry out these inspections. We expect minimum impacts on the waterways and on local residents.

Our work schedule

We will be working from Monday 27 August to early September 2018 weather permitting. Work will take place between 7am and 6pm. Further notifications will be distributed if required.

Upcoming work

Setting up the site office, starting later this year

The former Batemans Bay Bowling Club will become the site office for the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project team. We will be placing a fenced compound in the parking area for material storage. Once the building is approved for demolition, John Holland will start constructing demountable offices, staff amenities, storage sheds and parking. This work is planned for later this year.

Relocating utilities, starting in September 2018

Existing utilities need to be relocated to make way for the new bridge. This work will include drilling new bores near the existing bridge to run the new utilities.

The community will be notified closer to the date of this work and its impacts.

Starting major work

Construction is expected to start in early 2019. The existing bridge will be demolished when the new bridge is open to traffic.

Contact us

If you have any questions or would like more on the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project please contact our project team:

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