



Acknowledgement  
of Country

Transport pays respects to Elders past and present and recognise and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of NSW.

# Transport for NSW – West Region

- Engaging with NSW regional communities and stakeholders to champion their needs and improve transport outcomes!
- Responsible for the delivery of infrastructure and transport services to communities in regional NSW.

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# Network condition

## Flood Recovery – On going

- Extreme, recurrent wet winters had created widespread saturation and damage to the State Road network.
- In addition to this large parts of the region experienced the worst flooding on record in November 2022.

## November 2022 Natural Disaster:

- **2,500 kilometres** of damage to the State Road network including slopes, culverts and bridges.
- **Delays to projects and annual maintenance programs** due to resources diverted to priority flood repairs.
- We have injected a large amounts of funding to help the recovery - State and local government roads



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Newell Highway

# Social procurement and workforce development

Our Social Procurement and Workforce Development program focuses on jobs, skills, diversity and business initiatives that achieve local economic and social outcomes.

Depending on size and scope of the project, many of our projects include requirements to comply with the Infrastructure Skills Legacy Program, which aims to address skills shortages and increase diversity.



NSW Government skills training and diversity targets (\*applies to contract value)

- Apply the relevant Aboriginal Procurement Policy: \*\$7.5m to over \$100m;
- 20% of the Trades Workforce to be apprentices: \*\$10m to over \$100m
- 2% of the Trades Workforce to be women: \*over \$100m
- Report % of Women in Non-Traditional roles
- 20% of the Project Workforce to be learning workers: \*over \$100m
- 8% of the Project Workforce to be young people: \*over \$100m
- Report Local Employment Outcomes: \*over \$100m.

[www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-delivery-requirements](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/project-delivery-requirements)

# New Dubbo Bridge

## Expected completion end 2026

- The New Dubbo Bridge provides a second high level river crossing in Dubbo.
- Piling works are well underway and will continue until February 2024.
- Utility relocation works are also underway, as well as tree removal and intersection upgrades.

## Key Benefits:

- Maintaining reliability for local, commuter and heavy freight traffic, particularly during flood events.
- Improving travel congestion and freight productivity.
- Connection to North West Precinct of Dubbo - Growth



# New Dubbo Bridge Participation Highlights:

## **New Dubbo Bridge – in construction, commenced 2023**

44 local businesses engaged, 8 are Aboriginal businesses

200 people employed so far:

- 44% local employees
- 25% identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
- 5 women in non-traditional roles

The project has also formed a valuable partnership with Sista's in Trade Program which is a valuable platform for local First Nations women to launch their careers in construction.



[Sista's in Trade](#) at the New Dubbo Bridge site on River St

# Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes

**Completed: November 2023**

- The Newell Highway Program Alliance has delivered 38 overtaking lanes, which include wide centre lines to reduce off-road and head-on crashes, and the installation of audio tactile marking (rumble strips) on the edges and centre of the highway.
- This project has provided approximately 60 kilometres of extra overtaking opportunities along the full length of the highway.

## **Key Benefits:**

- Improving safety, allowing more accurate travel planning and improving freight productivity.
- Approximately 30 minutes of travel time savings along the length of the Newell Highway.





# Newell Highway Project Participation Highlights:

## **Newell Highway Overtaking Lanes 2019-2023:**

1,700 people employed (40% local, 31% female, 19% trainee)  
\$20M spend on Aboriginal business and jobs 200+ employed



# Regional Rail Project

## Mindyarra Maintenance Centre

- A purpose-built maintenance centre named Mindyarra (a Wiradjuri word, meaning to 'fix or repair'), is being built in Dubbo to service the new Regional Rail fleet.
- Construction of the maintenance centre is ongoing, with completion expected by the end of 2023.
- Includes a third Pre-employment Program, focusing on train completion work including final fit-out, testing, and commissioning activities, which will provide qualified technical skills to local people.



# Regional Rail Project Participation Highlights:

**Creating opportunities for Jobs, Skills and Industry Participation (JSIP) in regional NSW is a priority for the Regional Rail Project.**

- 200 jobs created during construction, and 50 ongoing operational jobs
- 57 local businesses have won work on the project
- 19 Recognised Aboriginal businesses have been engaged
- Pre employment Program – achieved an 85% completion rate with Aboriginal participants. Many have gained employment either on the project or with local business.



# Renewal Energy Zones

## Central West-Orana REZ

- There is a high demand – and strong support from the NSW Government – for renewable/clean energy to be harnessed and distributed reliably and affordably.
- NSW will likely go from 19 to 50 wind farms over the next 15-25 years.
- Between 10,000 and 20,000 over-size over-mass (OSOM) movements to service these new farms.
- A dedicated Transport team to provide a central point of contact and coordinated approach to OSOM movements across the State Road network.
- Upgrades to the State road network, where necessary, to minimise disruption and create a safe environment.



# Regional Bus Improvements - Dubbo

- On 16 October 2023, Dubbo received 112 extra weekly services (approx. 22% uplift) with an 87% increase in timetabled hours.
- Patronage data shows that during the first week of improved services within the Dubbo urban area, there was a 41% increase in passengers compared to the previous month.
- More than 4,200 passengers have boarded regular route bus services during the first 3 weeks. That's over 28% more passengers than the preceding 3 weeks before the service changes.

## Key Benefits:

- Service improvements have included an extension of service hours, better connections between different public transport modes, and improved connections to key locations.
- Bus users can now pay by cash, tapping their credit/debit cards, phone or watch.



# How can businesses and suppliers connect with Transport projects?

Transport for NSW works with a range of contractors, sub-contractors and consultants to deliver our projects. We are committed to providing an open and transparent contracting process to meet the needs of individual projects.

- Suitable businesses must be registered on **NSW Buy Supplier List**: [www.suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au](http://www.suppliers.buy.nsw.gov.au)
- Register and view upcoming project tenders [www.tenders.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au)
- Access to the **Transport Infrastructure Pipeline 2028** and projects coming to market in the next five years. [www.caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip](http://www.caportal.com.au/tfnsw/tiip)

For more information on our current projects in West Region and how you can get involved: <https://nswroads.work/westregion>

