

Shelley-Walwa Road Upgrade Proposed Road Closure

The Shelley-Walwa Road is about to undergo a major upgrade to a 7.14km section of this important logging route. The works include widening, realignment, drainage and sealing through multi-stakeholder investment.



Proposing the closure of the Shelley-Walwa Road between Guys Forest Road, Guys Forest and the Murray Valley Highway, Shelley (red section).

Background

At various times over the last three years, this section of road has been closed. VicRoads has secured funding from state and federal governments, Towong Shire, and HVP Plantations to construct a safer passage between Guys Forest Road and the Murray Valley Highway in Shelley (see map above). This multi-stakeholder investment is an example of governments at all levels working together with the local

industry to achieve great outcomes for local industries in rural locations.

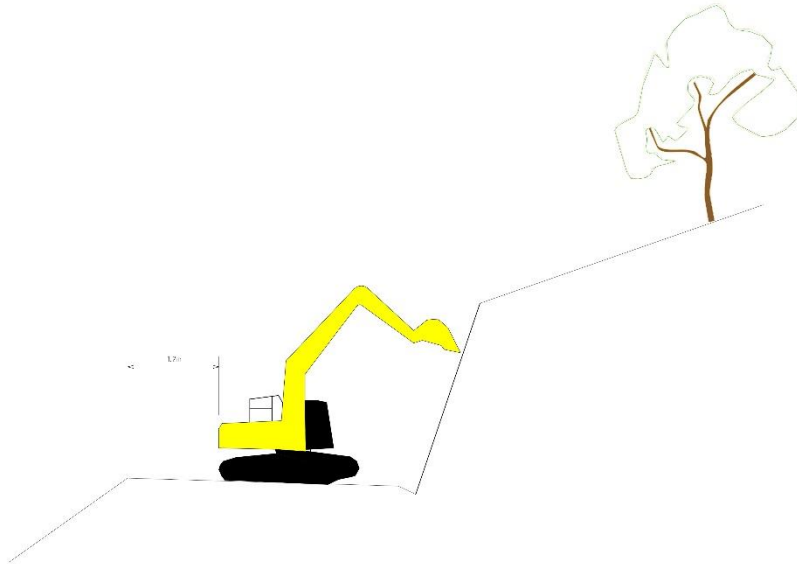
Why are we proposing to close a section of the road to traffic during construction?

VicRoads made this road closure decision based on the safety of motorists, work crews and heavy vehicle operators in this remote location. Access for residents will be maintained during this period. The

project requires a significant amount of plant movement which includes large earthworks equipment and trucks. Allowing additional traffic to travel through this site, given the substantial number of plant movements, exposes our teams and the public to the potential of plant-on-vehicle interaction and injuries or damage. The winding corners, minimal sight distance and variability of public traffic have been determined to be of high risk which has prompted the proposal to close the road during construction.



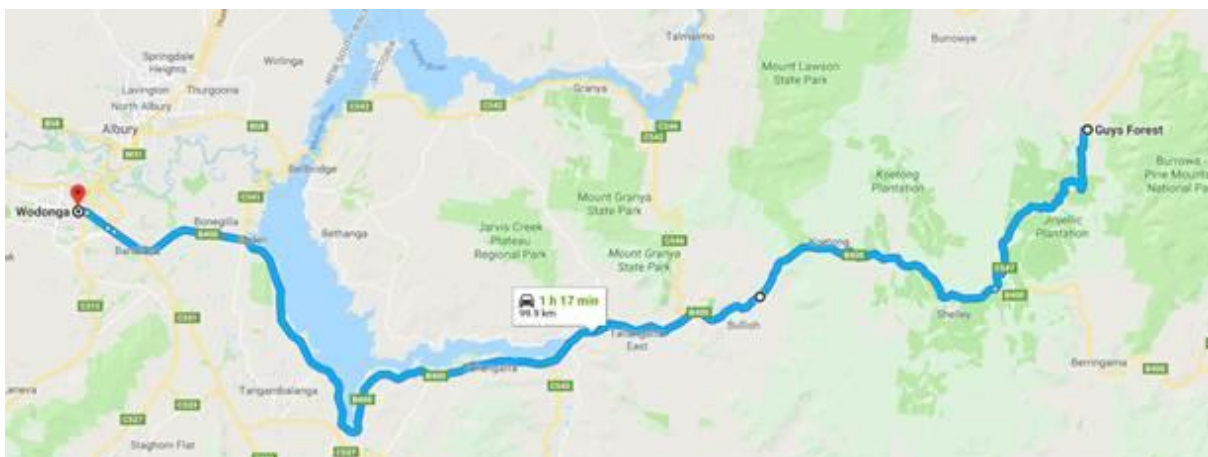
Large earth-moving equipment being used on this project



What are the route options and their availability?

Current Route from Guys Forest to Wodonga

This would be unavailable during construction.



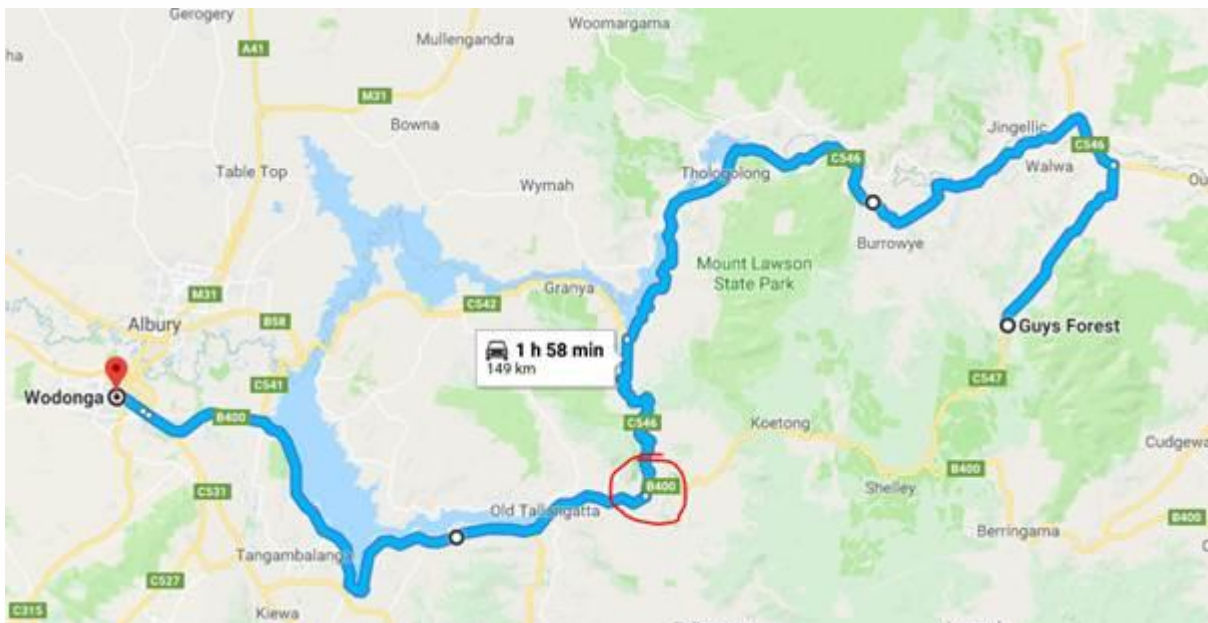
Alternate Route from Guys Forest to Wodonga

This would be used during the construction by residents and other commercial parties if required.



Route from Wodonga to Guys Forest during Construction

Detour via Granya Road. This would be the last chance to detour if motorists did not utilise the Murray River Road access at Bonegilla.



Alternate routes required should somebody approach the road closure on the Shelley-Walwa Road



Timeframes

Proposed commencement of road closure is 12 February 2018.
Proposed completion of road closure is March 2019.

Community consultation

2018 and endorsement of the road closure, we will commence work and provide project updates at key milestones of the project.

Further information

For more information contact ner.enquiries@roads.vic.gov.au or call 13 11 71.