Traffic light installation and road work at Wrights Road roundabout, Port Macquarie, from 24 May 2016

The NSW Government is funding this $3 million project at the intersection of Wrights Road and the Oxley Highway to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion during peak traffic periods.

Roads and Maritime Services will carry out the work, which will involve installing traffic lights on one leg of the roundabout and building slip lanes from the Oxley Highway into Wrights Road and from Wrights Road into John Oxley Drive.

The traffic lights will be installed on the Oxley Highway, eastbound leg of the roundabout and will be used to control traffic during peak periods.

Traffic modeling shows traffic control signals at this location will ease congestion on the approaches to the roundabout, while providing easier access for vehicles entering Wrights Road and John Oxley Drive.

A range of activities will be carried out during the project including underground boring for the traffic lights, relocating street lighting, earthwork, vegetation clearing for the slip lanes, drainage work and line marking.

We will be working Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am to 1pm. We expect to complete the project in about six months, weather permitting. We will be carrying out night work at times during the project and we will let you know in advance of this work.

We will stage our work to build the slip lanes in such a way as to minimise the disruption to traffic at this busy intersection.

**Stage one**
Work will involve clearing, bulk earthwork, relocation of the street lights and building new storm water drainage lines. This will be on the eastern slip lane first, then moving across to the western slip lane.

**Stage two**
Work will involve rebuilding the road pavement and installing kerbs and medians.

**Stage three**
Work will involve road resurfacing and line marking.

The installation of the traffic lights will be carried out separately and is not expected to disrupt traffic.
**How will the work affect you?**

While the project will involve working at the entrance to Port Macquarie Base Hospital in Wrights Road, including building slip lanes in and out of Wrights Road, access to the hospital will be maintained at all times.

**Traffic changes**

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

While we make every effort to avoid lanes closures, speed restrictions will be in place and depending on the time of day, motorists may experience delays of up to 15 minutes in addition to normal travel times.

Nearby residents and businesses will be kept informed of the project’s progress and any potential impacts well in advance through letters and electronic message boards.

We are aware Port Macquarie-Hastings Council has started work to build a roundabout on nearby Lake Road and we will work with council to minimise traffic disruptions wherever possible.

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.

**Contact**

If you have any questions, please call our project manager Simon Flannery on 6580 3461 or email simon.flannery@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.
A map of the Wrights Road roundabout showing where the peak time traffic lights and slips lanes will be built