

Road closures as part of the Parkes Special Activation Precinct Stage 1 Enabling Works

Special Activation Precincts are being delivered by the NSW Government, with the Parkes Special Activation Precinct to be the epicentre of the nation's freight network.

Major construction is now underway on Stage 1 Enabling Works for the Parkes precinct. This work includes upgrading 7.3 kilometres of Brolgan Road, constructing two bridges over railway lines and upgrades to gas, water, electricity, sewer and communication networks.

Temporary road closure of Brolgan Road during bridge construction

As outlined in the precinct's master plan, two overpass bridges are to be built on Brolgan Road to remove level crossings on the existing rail lines.

To complete these important works and safely build the bridges, there will be a temporary closure of Brolgan Road, for approximately 9 months from **mid-February 2022**, weather permitting. The proposed closure has been timed to reduce the impact on the 2022 summer harvest in the area.

Closure of Coopers Road

As part of the overpass bridge construction, a small section of Coopers Road between Brolgan Road and the southern-most rail line crossing will be permanently closed from **mid-February 2022**. The closure is a safety requirement due to design constraints of the bridge construction.

Following community feedback received on the road closure, a new access road will be constructed between Keiths Lane and Coopers Road to facilitate continued access. The precinct team have engaged Parkes Shire Council to construct the new access road which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2022, weather permitting. We thank the community for their feedback and contribution to this decision.

How will this work affect you?

No through traffic will be permitted at the closure points for the duration of the works, including outside of working hours, with the exception of emergency service vehicles during an emergency. Detours will be in place directing traffic to alterative public roads and highways, including Henry Parkes Way, Nelungaloo Road, Bogan Way and Westlime Road.

Activities will start soon that will require our team to work in close proximity to live traffic for an extended period. To make this work safer the speed limits on Brolgan Road will be reduced to 40km/h and road barriers will be installed for the duration of these works.

Temporary traffic changes, including the use of stop/slow signs, will also be in place to ensure work areas are safe. Please allow more travel time, keep to the signposted speed limits, and follow the direction of traffic controllers and road signs. Traffic changes will be communicated to motorists through updated traffic signage.

For more information on the Parkes Special Activation Precinct, visit <u>www.rgdc.nsw.gov.au</u> Thank you for your patience during this important work.



BROLGAN ROAD AND COOPERS ROAD DETOUR MAP

