



Upgrading the Pacific Highway **Ballina bypass**

Construction update

The contract for the Ballina bypass initial works was awarded to RTA Operations on 28 August 2006.

Initial works are to construct the earth embankments that will carry the bypass across a floodplain where extensive settlement is anticipated.

The works are to stabilise the underlying soft soils in a number of sections, to prepare for the construction of the bypass.

Work commenced in September 2006 to establish site facilities, clear vegetation, move soil to where it is needed and set up of erosion and sediment controls. Work sites are located at Teven Road and Cumbalum.

During the next three months the following works are scheduled:

- Soil and water management measures.
- Earthworks including construction of embankments over soft soils.
- Stabilising the soft soils at the Cumbalum site through the use of a vacuum consolidation process. (for more information see the RTA website on this innovative technique)
- Drainage works.

Hours of work are Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm and Saturday 8am to 5pm.

Speed restrictions and traffic controls may be in place to ensure the safety of workers and motorists. Motorists are asked to observe temporary signs and traffic control directions.

Delays to traffic may be experienced at times. The RTA apologises for any inconvenience and appreciates your patience and co-operation during the works.



For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free) or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Ballina bypass)