

Sealing the Cobb and Silver City highways

Community update - January 2019



Eight Mile, Silver City Highway

The NSW Government is working hard to improve and upgrade major highway networks. In June 2018, the NSW Government announced it is investing \$145 million to fast track the sealing of the remaining 209 kilometres of the Cobb and Silver City highways by 2023. Once complete, freight access, travel times and safety will be improved for all road users.



Connecting regional
communities



Smoother and safer
road surfaces



Less road
maintenance
needed



Improved connectivity
for the freight and
livestock industry



Save up to
30 minutes travel time



More reliable
access to schools
and medical services



Euriowie, Silver City Highway – placing the new seal on the road

Project background

The Cobb and Silver City highways are the only roads in the NSW State highway network that remain unsealed.

Since the 2018 State Budget announcement, initial sealing has been completed on the Cobb Highway at Teryawynia South and at Menindee Road North. Work has started this month to seal 5.3 kilometres of the Cobb Highway at Slamannon.

Work has also started on the Silver City Highway at Packsaddle, Warratta and Milpa Flat.

All remaining unsealed sections of the Cobb and Silver City highways are now in construction or planning.

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering this work as part of its commitment to provide all motorists with safer roads and improved connectivity across NSW.

Better roads will support regional tourism and economic development and ensure more reliable journeys for all road users.

The announcement in June 2018 of an additional \$145 million to complete the remaining 209 kilometres of the Cobb and Silver City highways by 2023 brings total investment in these highways to \$195 million since 2011.

Cobb Highway initial seal

The Cobb Highway runs from Moama, on the Victorian border, to the Barrier Highway, near Wilcannia, via Ivanhoe and Hay. The highway is 571 kilometres long, with 91 kilometres of unsealed surface remaining.

The upgraded highway will reduce travel time, improve connectivity for freight and livestock industries and provide a safer road network for all motorists.

Silver City Highway initial seal

The Silver City Highway connects Buronga, on the Victorian border with the Queensland border via Broken Hill and Tibooburra. The highway is 683 kilometres long, with 110 kilometres of unsealed road remaining.

The highway is currently forced to close on average up to 12 times per year during heavy rainfall.

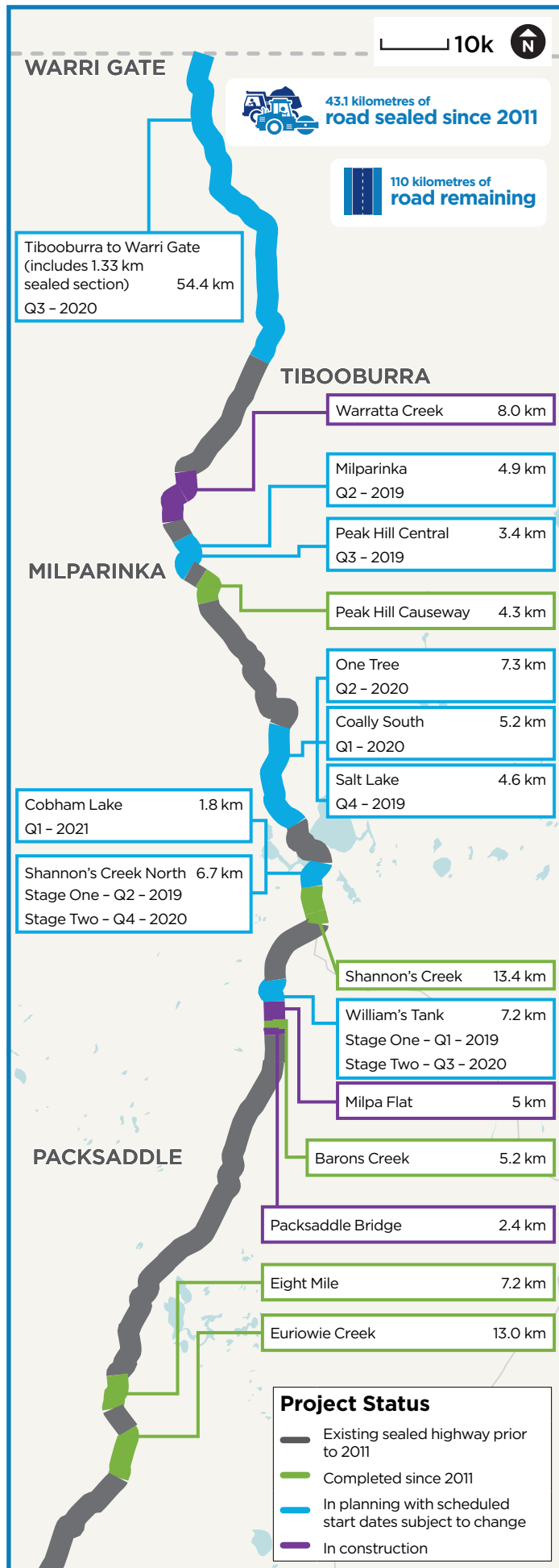


Project benefits:

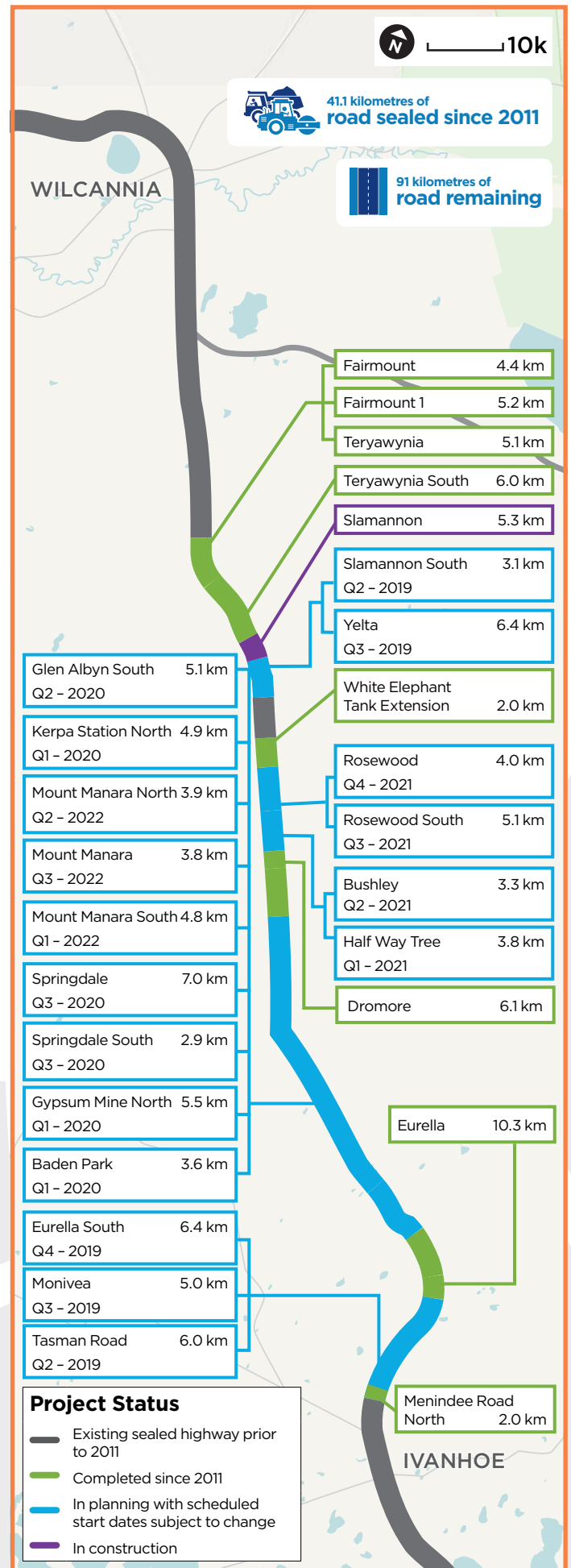
- save up to 30 minutes in travel time
- improved flood mitigation
- better freight access
- safer travel

As part of the upgrade, the existing road surface will be rebuilt to include table drains on both sides of the road. The table drains will help to eliminate rain water which currently pools in different areas of the highways, resulting in less forced closures each year and more reliable access through the area.

Silver City Highway initial seal program



Cobb Highway initial seal program



What's happening?

Roads and Maritime is committed to keeping you informed as work continues on the remaining unsealed sections of the Cobb and Silver City highways as the project progresses.

2019 Program

Cobb Highway	
Q1 (January–March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slamannon
Q2 (April–June)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tasman Road Slamannon South
Q3 (July–September)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monivea Yelta
Q4 (October–December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eurella South

Silver City Highway	
Q1 (January–March)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> William's Tank Stage One
Q2 (April–June)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Milparinka Shannons Creek North Stage One
Q3 (July–September)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peak Hill Central
Q4 (October–December)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salt Lake

Project objectives:

- improve the reliability of the road network in the region
- improve road safety
- enhance heavy vehicle access through regional NSW
- support families and communities in remote areas
- promote regional development in remote areas



Cobb Highway – road construction



Cobb Highway – sealing work

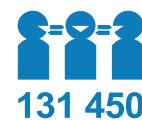
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