

Port to REZ construction update

Construction commencing

May 2025

EnergyCo is commencing construction on the Port to REZ project, at the intersection of Castlereagh Highway and Barneys Reef Road, Birriwa.

EnergyCo is delivering upgrades along the State Road network to enable the transportation of oversize over mass (OSOM) equipment needed to build renewable energy zones (REZs) across NSW.

BMD Constructions will carry out the first stage of road upgrades, under the Port to REZ project, from the Port of Newcastle to the Central-West Orana REZ.

What are we doing?

From the end April 2025 for around 12 months, we will be working at multiple locations along the Port to REZ route.

Work will start at the intersection of **Castlereagh Highway and Barneys Reef Road, Birriwa** on 2 June 2025 and will include:

- Geotechnical investigations and surveying
- Widening Castlereagh Highway north and southbound near Barneys Reef Road, to provide space for a right and left turn lane into Barneys Reef Road

- Installing new vegetated open drains and steel rail safety barriers on the eastern and western side of Castlereagh Highway
- Replacing existing culverts and building new headwalls under the highway
- Removing vegetation on the eastern and western sides of Castlereagh Highway, south of the intersection
- Relocating and installing signs and hazard markers around the intersection.

Work hours and timing

Standard daytime work hours are **7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 8am to 1pm, Saturdays.**

To ensure the safety of our crews and motorists, some nighttime work may also occur. **If required, nighttime hours will be from 6pm to 7am, Sunday to Thursday.**

Any affected residents will be contacted directly.

What will this mean for you?

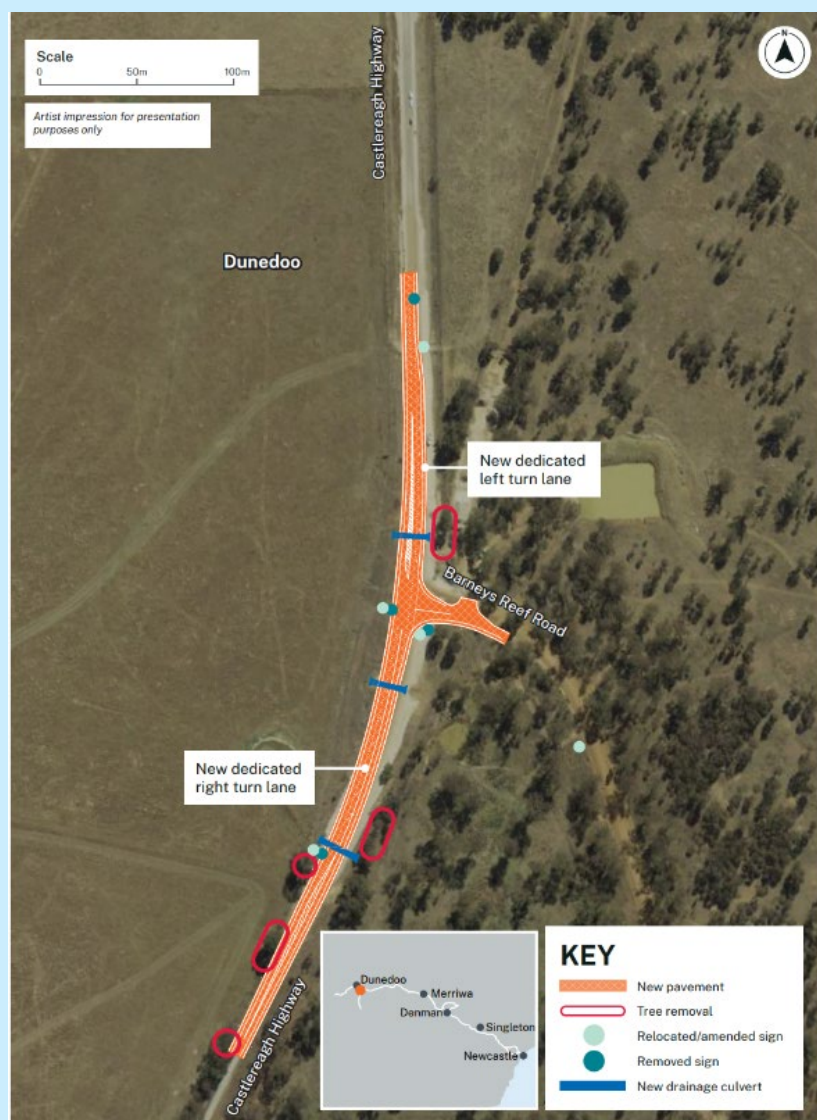
During the works there will be traffic control, temporary lane closures and machinery operating adjacent to, or on the road. Lane closures will vary as the works progress. Access for road users will be maintained.

Please take care, keep to the signposted speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers.

We will make every effort to minimise noise and vibration impacts by turning off equipment when not in use and monitoring noise.

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

Location of the work



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