

BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL

Safety Notification

Kalang Road Infrastructure Works



This alert is to remind all employees and contractors of their obligations to control the risks associated with the use of heavy vehicles, light vehicles and mobile plant equipment when undertaking infrastructure works along Kalang Road. Council is seeking to mitigate the risks to workers and the community.

Overview

- There are currently large-scale infrastructure works being undertaken on Kalang Road. This is set to continue over the next 12 months. These works lead to a number of construction light and heavy vehicles traversing Kalang Road.
- Kalang Road is narrow, with limited space for heavy vehicles and plant equipment in many areas.
- Worker safety and the safety of the public is paramount to the Council, particularly in the context of a large works program on Kalang Road.
- Council is seeking to implement a variety of measures to help mitigate the risks associated with the increase in traffic volume on Kalang Road during the infrastructure program.

Reduction Measures

Communication:

- Council will install Variable Message Signs (VMS) along Kalang Road as required with simple messaging such as UHF channel, speed limits for heavy vehicles along the road, drive with caution.
- Safety Information Notification to be developed and communicated to all Council work crews and contractors working on Kalang Road (this document).
- Social media / online awareness campaign outlining the works progress, safety notifications/updates, road closures, construction vehicle impacts on the community.

Controls:

- All Council Construction related traffic (including light vehicles) to travel Kalang Road with amber beacons on as a precautionary measure.
- All Council construction related heavy vehicles (including contractors) to travel at speeds no greater than 40kph.
- Ensure all vehicles slow down, and ensure they always remain in the travelling lane, take extra care when going around blind corners.
- Extra caution to be taken on unsealed / rough surfaces which affect vehicle traction and safe stopping distances.
- Ensure a UHF Channel is nominated in each work area and communicated via site inductions, pre-start assessments or similar.
- Heavy vehicles to travel in convoys with a pilot vehicle when and where possible.
- Call point notices to be considered.
- Consultation with the school bus company to identify times of travel on Kalang Road – Times to be conveyed to contractors and Council works to raise awareness of potential impact to works.

Further Information

- Refer to the Bellingen Shire Council website and social media pages.

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