

Toohey Road wildlife underpass

Start of construction – October 2025

We're building a new wildlife underpass to help koalas and other animals safely cross Toohey Road in Toohey Forest.

Works will start in mid-November 2025 and are expected to take up to 2 months to complete.

A wildlife underpass under Toohey Road will:

Improve access to food and resources for wildlife by providing safe movement between habitat areas within Toohey Forest.

Minimise animal crossings across Toohey Road and improve safety for motorists and fauna by reducing animal strikes.

Enhance connectivity between habitats to foster genetic resilience and provide a means for wildlife to escape natural disasters.

When will this work take place?

Start	Mid-November 2025
Finish	Early 2026, weather and site conditions permitting
Time and day	7pm to 5am, Sunday to Thursday

Works will be undertaken out-of-hours when traffic volumes are lowest to ensure the safety of workers and minimise disruptions.

What does this mean for me?

If you live in or are travelling through the area during construction you may notice:

- a site compound established at the Mayne Estate Picnic Area car parks, restricting access to the car parks on Toohey Road
- changed traffic conditions, including minor traffic delays managed with traffic control measures (**a full closure of Toohey Road will only occur on one weekend**)
- increased noise, truck movements, vibration and dust.

Both Toohey Picnic Area and Mayne Estate Picnic Area can be accessed during construction, with parking available at Toohey Picnic Area.

You can see a project plan and more details on what this work involves over the page.

Vegetation

Trees and minor vegetation must be removed to build the new underpass and install the new wildlife fencing. Our design includes replanting native vegetation we've carefully selected to ensure it thrives and provides food and habitat for wildlife.

We will minimise tree removals wherever possible, and our works will be undertaken in consultation with a qualified arborist and a fauna spotter on site.

Weekend road closure 14 to 17 November

To maximise working efficiency and reduce the overall amount of nightworks, we will complete one weekend of continuous works and a full closure of Toohey Road.

Work will occur continuously from **8pm Friday 14 November to 5am Monday 17 November**.

Toohey Road will be closed to traffic between Mayfield Road and Flanders Street during this period. A detour will be in place using Weller Road, Fernvale Road, Tarragindi Road, and Evans Road. **You can see this detour on the map over the page or via our website.**

The Toohey Picnic Area and car park will remain accessible for your enjoyment. You can also reach Mayne Estate Picnic Area on foot. Traffic control will be on hand to assist with access to the picnic areas as needed.

Remaining works will occur as normal at night time, with traffic control in place to assist traffic through the work area.

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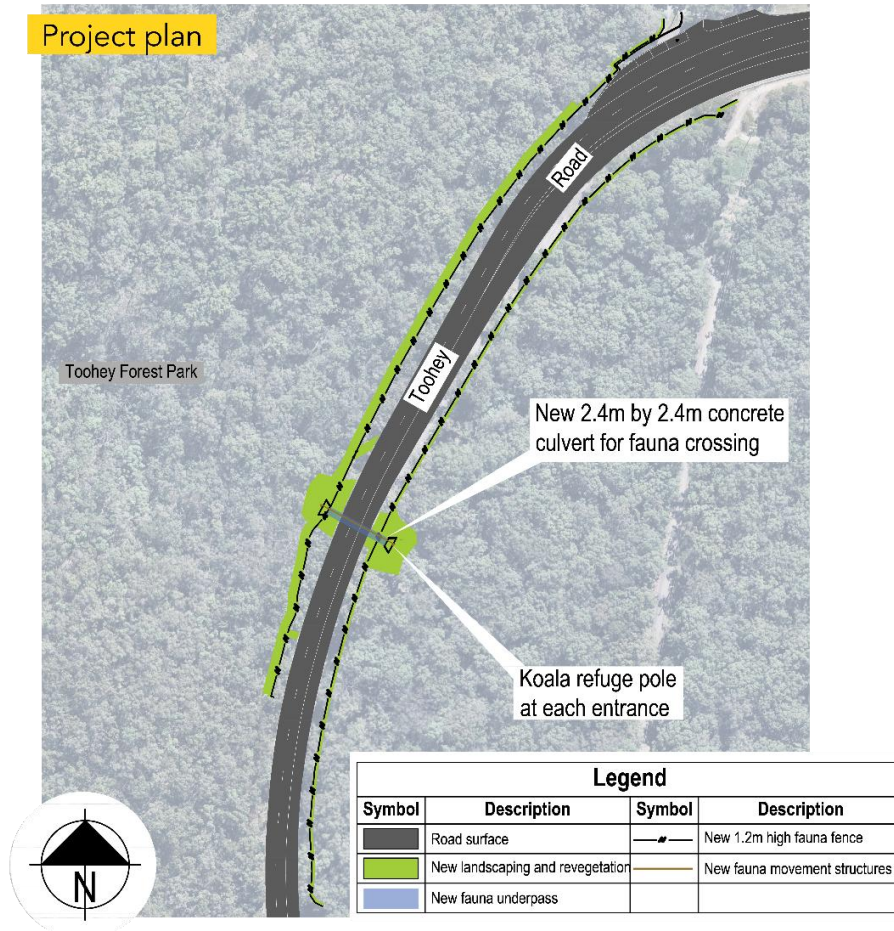
Australian Government

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government under the Saving Koalas Fund.

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Project plan



What does this work include?

- Installing a 2.4-metre by 2.4-metre culvert under Toohey Road southwest of the Toohey Picnic Area.
- Constructing a log pole frame in the culvert as a bridge option for wildlife.
- Placing mulch and natural material at the base of the culvert, blending with the surrounding habitat and encouraging wildlife to utilise the crossing.
- Installing fencing with wildlife escape hatches either side of the underpass to help direct animals towards the crossing.

Weekend road closure detour map

Road closure 8pm 14 Nov to 5am 17 Nov

