

Princes Highway East Overtaking Lanes, Nowa Nowa to Orbost

Project Description

Princes Highway East was upgraded with three new overtaking lanes between Nowa Nowa and Orbost in East Gippsland.

This important freight route had a limited number of overtaking lanes along with challenging terrain that made it difficult to safely overtake slowly moving vehicles.

Output

The project delivered:

- Safer passing opportunities for motorists
- Safety features such as safety barriers on both sides of the road and a 0.6m wide painted median strip to separate oncoming traffic.

Cost & Duration

- The project cost \$10 million and was completed under budget.
- Construction was completed in December 2015, completed two months ahead of the target completion date.

Working with others

VicRoads worked with National Pilot Vehicle Drivers Association, Parks Victoria, Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, East Gippsland Shire Council and various freight operators during the development of this project.

Benefits Achieved

Improved Road Safety

- Data shows a 72% reduction in the number of crashes to date (from 3.2 crashes per year to 0.9 crashes per year). After the project, there has been no fatality or serious injury crashes.

Travel Time Improvements

- Surveys show an improvement to travel times for cars and heavy vehicles of 37 seconds in off-peak (winter) periods.

The project has now delivered safe overtaking opportunities for vehicles travelling between Nowa Nowa and Orbost.

More Information

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Figure 1 – Before



Figure 2 – After