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Waratah-Wynyard Acting Mayor Mary Duniam said Council engineers are working hard to not disrupt penguins near Doctors Rocks at East Wynyard.

“In the process of drainage improvements at East Wynyard, Council staff have discovered that penguins are using a culvert as a passage to access a property in this area,” Cr Duniam said.

“Subsequently rather than disrupt the penguins, Council has opted to leave this culvert in place and provide the upgraded culvert adjacent to it as part of the improvements at minimal additional cost.”

Council has consulted the Parks and Wildlife Service about the issue.

“Council engineers have taken a number of steps to ensure minimal disruption to the penguins and we hope they continue to use the culvert into the future,” Cr Duniam said.

The improvement works, costing about \$500,000 started yesterday on the Old Bass Highway and private property.

“The works will take about 12 weeks and will hopefully see somewhat improved drainage improvement for the properties in this area, which have historically had a number of issues particularly in wet weather,” Cr Duniam said.

The works will be confined to the portion of Old bass Highway between property number 207 and 229 and will continue for an expected duration of 12 weeks.

Short term delays are expected for traffic traveling on the Old Bass Highway between 12 January 2015 and 30 January 2015.

Council regrets any inconvenience to penguins, residents and road users.

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