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Day and night work: Hills M2 Motorway and Pennant Hills Road tunnel portals and facilities

Dear Resident,

Work is continuing on the \$3 billion NorthConnex project to:

- > build the tunnel entry portals and structures on the Hills M2 Motorway and Pennant Hills Road
- > upgrade the M2 eastbound off ramp and westbound on ramp at Pennant Hills Road
- > demobilise in preparation for finishing works and site rehabilitation
- > prepare the Hills M2 Motorway for traffic along its new alignment.

A change to our work hours

A Ministerial Order published 9 April 2020 allows infrastructure construction work to occur on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday within the following hours:

- > 7am to 6pm Saturdays
- > 7am to 6pm Sundays
- > 7am to 6pm public holidays.

Work during these hours cannot include rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving or similar. The Order will facilitate social distancing by spreading infrastructure construction work over more days in a week.

We acknowledge that many residents are spending more time at home during the COVID-19 pandemic and may be exposed to longer periods of noise from our activities than usual. While the Ministerial Order exempts any requirement to request Out of Hours Works for these Extended Construction Hours, we are prioritising work which is assessed as generating noise of no more than 10 decibels above background noise levels.

Work hours

7am to 6pm Monday to Friday,
8am to 1pm Saturdays

Note that certain activities are now permitted to occur on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays without requirement to seek consent for Out of Hours Works.

For the safety of motorists and workers, work may be carried out outside of these hours, in line with our environmental approvals.

Tunnel excavation, associated above ground activities and access to compounds is carried out **24 hours a day**.

More information

Call 1800 997 057 (24 hours), email enquiries@northconnex.com.au



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How will the work affect you?

You will experience noise, light and increased vehicle movements during some of these activities. We will make every effort to minimise impacts by:

- > consulting with directly affected residents where required
- > using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery
- > turning off equipment and vehicles when not in use
- > using lighting towers only where necessary
- > scheduling noisier work for completion earlier in the evening where possible
- > avoiding shouting or unnecessary noise and using radio communication.

Traffic management

There will be intermittent night time closures of:

- > the M2 westbound on ramp from Pennant Hills Road
- > the M2 westbound and eastbound off ramps onto Pennant Hills Road
- > lanes on the M2, Pennant Hills Road and adjoining streets.

Traffic management and signage will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists, residents and workers. Please allow extra travel time and visit livetraffic.com, download Live Traffic App or call the Transport Management Centre 132 701 for the latest information.

Ongoing work includes:

- > constructing the ventilation facility and maintenance facilities at the southern compound
- > installing Intelligent Transport Systems to assist with monitoring and managing traffic flow
- > traffic realignment and changes to concrete barriers, crash cushions, gates, hoarding and signs on Pennant Hills Road and the M2
- > road surface work including concreting, milling, asphaltting, line marking and saw cutting
- > installing structural signs, lighting, drainage, retaining walls and permanent noise walls, cladding, handrails and throw screens
- > removing and trimming vegetation
- > reinstatement work including earthworks, landscaping, signs and paths
- > installing permanent boundary fencing
- > delivery, survey, maintenance and inspection activities.

Plant and equipment

The project team will use heavy and light vehicles, concrete trucks, vacuum trucks, street sweepers, tipper trucks, line marking and removal plant, sweepers, concrete saws, bobcats, concrete breakers, lighting towers, surface profilers, asphalt pavers, grinders, mulchers, chainsaws, water carts, rollers, cranes, excavators with and without hammer attachments, hammer drills, core drills, rattle guns, generators, knuckle boom lifts, elevated work platforms, pumps and vibrators, piling rigs, underborers, jackhammers, surface profilers, power tools and hand tools.

Thank you for your co-operation and patience in 2020 as we work towards delivering the project.

Yours sincerely,

NorthConnex Project Team

Location of work, Hills M2 Motorway and Pennant Hills Road tunnel portals and facilities

Key

- Work area
- Southern compound

Note: map is indicative only and not to scale

