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Dear resident

NorthConnex early work activities: services and utilities investigations and vegetation clearing

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre tunnel that will link the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills, removing around 5,000 trucks off Pennant Hills Road.

Lend Lease Bouygues Joint Venture has been awarded the contract to design and deliver the work.

As part of the preparation to construct a new site compound for the NorthConnex project, the project team will be:

- carrying out investigations to locate underground utilities along the project corridor from Pennant Hills to Wahroonga
- clearing vegetation from within the property boundaries acquired for the southern interchange site compound.

Services and utility investigations

From 19 March 2015, utility investigations will take place in the following streets:

- Pennant Hills Road
- Karloon Road
- Eaton Road.

This work will continue until early April, weather permitting and will include:

- Searching for locations of services including breaking up the road surface, footpath or verge
- Marking up locations in different colours
- Non-destructive excavation to locate the services
- Repairing the road surface, footpath or verge at the completion of the investigation.

Plant and equipment for this work includes saw cutters, jack hammers, vacuum truck, jet blasters and compacting asphalt machines.

Traffic management will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists, residents and workers. This will include temporary diversion of the footpath in the immediate vicinity of the work, slow lane closures northbound on Pennant Hills Road during off-peak times and stop/slow traffic arrangements staffed by traffic management personnel on local roads.

Return 
**local streets to
local communities**


**Up to 5,000 trucks per day
off Pennant Hills Road and into tunnel**

 Up to
**15 mins travel time
saving**


Deliver
**improvements
to local air quality**

 Up to
**21 traffic lights
bypassed**


improve
the efficient movement of
state and national freight


Better and more
reliable trips
for people, businesses and freight

Roadside variable message signs will be in place on Pennant Hills Road to advise the changes to traffic conditions.

Most locations for investigation are within the road corridor. Access to a number of properties may be restricted for a short period of time. Where access may be restricted, residents will be contacted in advance and access maintained via traffic control located on site.

Work on Karloon Road and Eaton Road will be carried out Monday to Friday between 7am and 6pm, Saturday between 8am and 1pm in residential areas and no work will occur on Sundays or Public Holidays.

To minimise impact on motorists work on Pennant Hills Road will occur outside of peak times Monday to Friday between 10am and 2pm.

Clearing vegetation

In preparation for the establishment of the southern interchange compound site, the project team will be clearing and removing trees and vegetation located within the boundaries of properties acquired by Roads and Maritime for NorthConnex.

Plant and equipment used for this work includes chainsaws, mulchers, wood chippers and trucks.

Work will start on 17 March and continue until late April, weather permitting.

Minor disruption to access, on-street parking and traffic in some locations may occur but will be managed safely and alternative road/property access will be provided if required.

You may experience increased noise during this period. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and will take steps to minimise any impact associated with this important work.

Please note that this investigation and clearing work will not cause vibration or have an impact on your property. Before any major construction activities take place on the site (including the removal of the existing building structures) a property condition survey will be carried out on your property. The project team will be contacting you in the near future to explain this process and arrange access to your property to complete the survey.

We thank you for your patience, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call members of the project team on 1800 997 057, email <mailto:enquiries@northconnex.com.au> or visit the NorthConnex Community Information Centre at 354-356 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills, open every Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

Yours sincerely

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