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Dear Resident

## Pioneer Avenue site establishment work: site preparation, clearing of vegetation and removal of building structures

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.

What are we doing?

In preparation for the establishment of the NorthConnex Pioneer Avenue site compound the project team will be:

- Clearing trees and vegetation from the site at 1 Pioneer Avenue
- Removing buildings and structures such as sheds and internal fences from 1 Pioneer Avenue.

### Vegetation clearing

The project team will be clearing and removing trees and vegetation located within the boundary of the property 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 10 August and continue until late June weather permitting.

### Building removal

Buildings and structures such as sheds and internal fences will be removed from the property at 1 Pioneer Avenue.

The first stage of work involves removal of internal building structures by hand. This process will start on 10 August and will take around two weeks to complete.

During this time hazardous materials such as asbestos may need to be removed. Discovering these materials is not an unusual or unexpected occurrence as it was common for asbestos to be used in older buildings.

Return   
**local streets to  
local communities**

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

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

Licensed asbestos contractors will ensure the safety of workers and those in the area by organising its safe removal. Licensed asbestos contractors will carry out this work as required with experts controlling the situation at all times. Air quality monitoring will take place while removal is ongoing.

The second stage involves the removal of the remaining structures with an excavator using hydraulic shears and hammers. This will start on 13 August and will take around three months to complete.

Equipment that may be used includes excavators, trucks, saws, scaffold, and elevated work platforms.

We will make every effort to minimise impacts by:

- Turning off machinery when not in use
- Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery
- Using dust mitigation strategies such as watering down the site and not removing structures during strong winds
- Parking on the road immediately outside and in the driveway of the vacated property
- Delivering large equipment out of hours.

The existing heritage listed germination building will be retained as advised in the Construction and Environmental Management Plan.

## Work hours

Work will be carried out from 7am to 6pm Mondays to Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 1pm, weather permitting. We will notify you in advance if we need to do any work outside these times.

## Temporary traffic changes

Appropriate traffic and safety management procedures will be in place during this work. Minor disruption to access, on-street parking and traffic in some locations may occur but will be managed safely.

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 Tuesday from 9am to 12pm and Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

Yours sincerely

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