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M12 Motorway

Community update | March 2021

M12 over Elizabeth Drive and M7 (artist impression subject to change)

The Australian and NSW Governments are proposing to build the M12 Motorway to connect the future Western Sydney International Airport with the M7 Motorway at Cecil Hills and The Northern Road at Luddenham.

The M12 Motorway will be a dual-carriageway motorway with two lanes in each direction with capacity for future widening to three lanes.

Since the display of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2019 and the Amendment Report in 2020, the M12 Motorway has progressed to detailed design.

The current design reflects changes in response to community feedback received during the respective environmental display periods.

Issues raised during the Amendment Report display

During the display of the Amendment Report to the EIS in late 2020, forty one submissions were received, categorised and reviewed.

The main issues raised during consultation were:

- The design of the M12 Motorway and connections to Elizabeth Drive and the airport
- Social economic impacts including property access and value and business impacts.
- Noise and vibration impacts, relating to future land use, traffic growth and noise mitigation
- Transport for NSW's consultation with the community.

Design changes since the EIS and Amendment Report

We have made a number of key design changes to the project, in response to feedback throughout the EIS consultation process, that started in late 2019.

- The Australian and NSW Governments have committed further funding to the project create the new connections between the M12 and Elizabeth Drive near the M7, as displayed in the EIS Amendment Report (if approved).
- Traffic lights instead of a roundabout (as displayed in the amendment report) at the intersection of the realigned Wallgrove Road/Cecil Road to address traffic growth expectations, land use planning and community issues

Additional design changes developed since the Amendment Report, which are subject to further environmental assessment include:

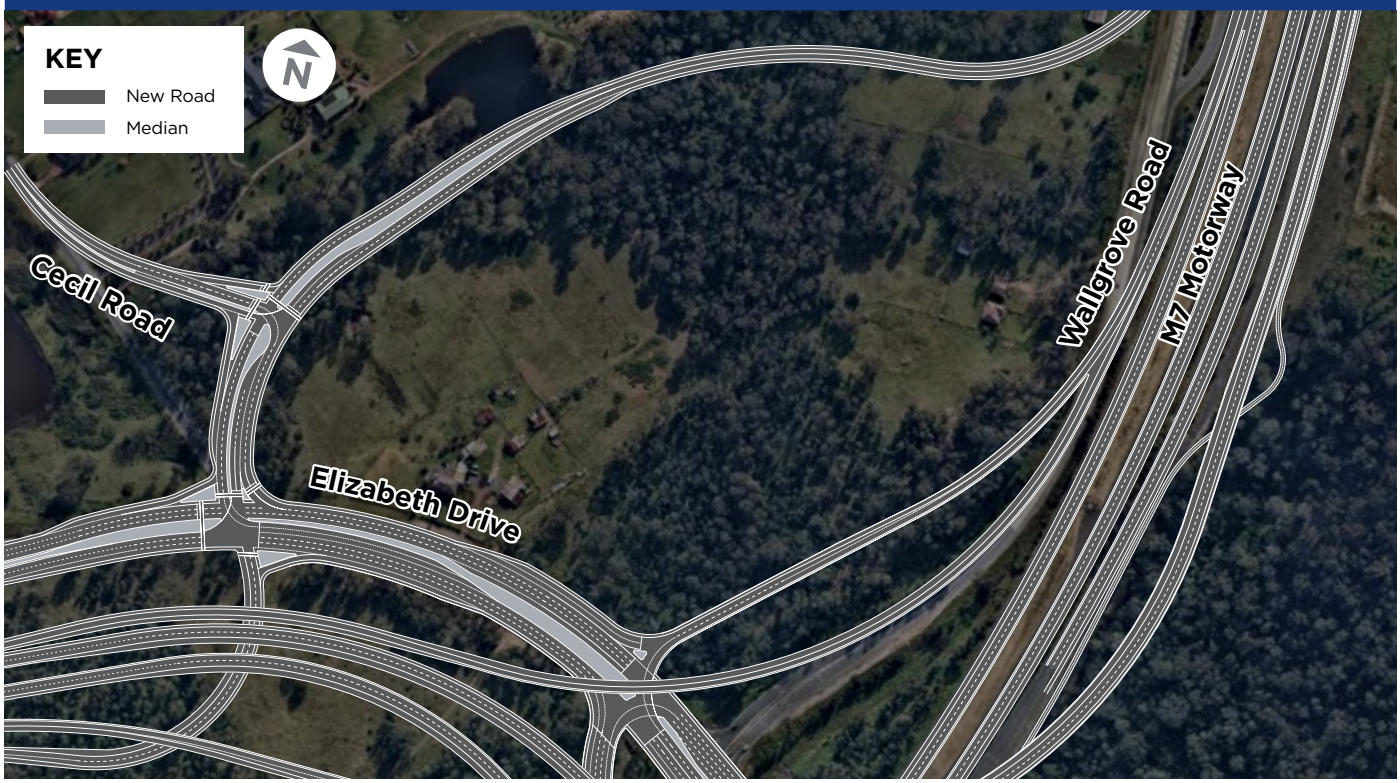
- A revised interchange design between the M12 Motorway and the airport access road
- An interchange between Elizabeth Drive and the M12 Motorway at the airport entry to improve connectivity between the M12 and Elizabeth Drive. The interchange would provide direct access into the airport main access road from Elizabeth Drive.

Connecting the M12 with Elizabeth Drive

During consultation on the EIS, we listened to community and stakeholder feedback around being able to connect between the M12 Motorway, Elizabeth Drive and the Airport.

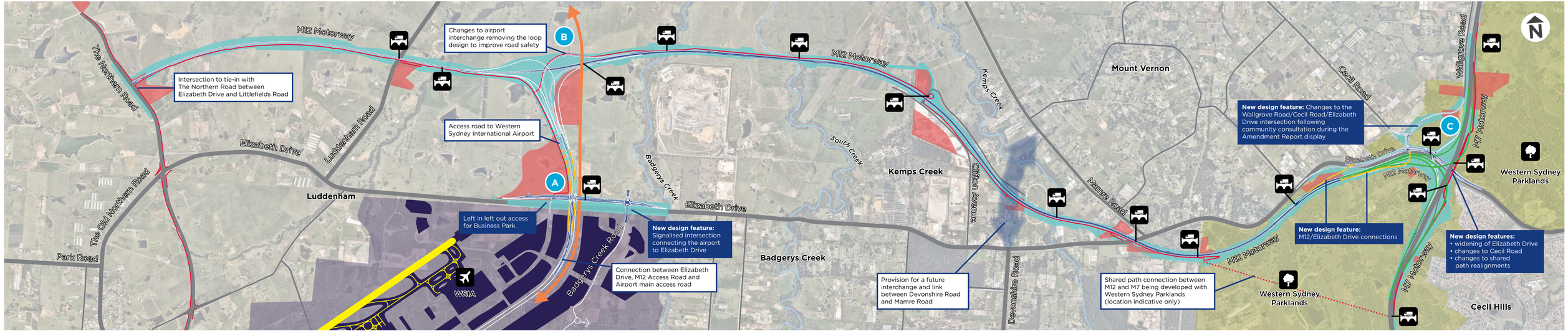
In response to this feedback we have now updated the project design. The project will now include a key connection between the M12 Motorway and Elizabeth Drive at the eastern end of the M12 Motorway near Wallgrove Road and the M7 Motorway.

These new connections will enhance local access to the M12 Motorway and the Airport and improve journeys in the area.



Elizabeth Drive/M12 (subject to change in detailed design)

M12 Motorway – current design



KEY

- M12 Motorway
- Western Sydney International Airport (WSIA)
- Compound or storage site
- Land re-zoned permanently as Motorway
- Shared path
- M12/Elizabeth Drive connections
- M7/M12 connection (subject to unsolicited proposal to widen the M7)
- Bridges
- Sydney Metro – Western Sydney Airport

M12 Motorway/Airport interchange (Artist impression, subject to change in detailed design and planning approval)

Elizabeth Drive/Airport Access Road (Artist impression, subject to change in detailed design and planning approval)

M7 Motorway/M12 Motorway/Elizabeth Drive interchange (Artist impression, subject to change in detailed design and planning approval)

M12 Motorway Thematic Study now online

A thematic study is an analysis of a place in relation to evidence of change and development, its inhabitants and features, as well as its economic, cultural and social structure and makeup.

The M12 project has an Aboriginal cutural heritage interpretation strategy, to acknowledge the area's Aboriginal history and the Aboriginal connection to the area today.

In addition to this, the project has carried out a thematic study of non-Aboriginal heritage values along the M12 Motorway corridor, focusing on the cultural environment in the post-colonial era.

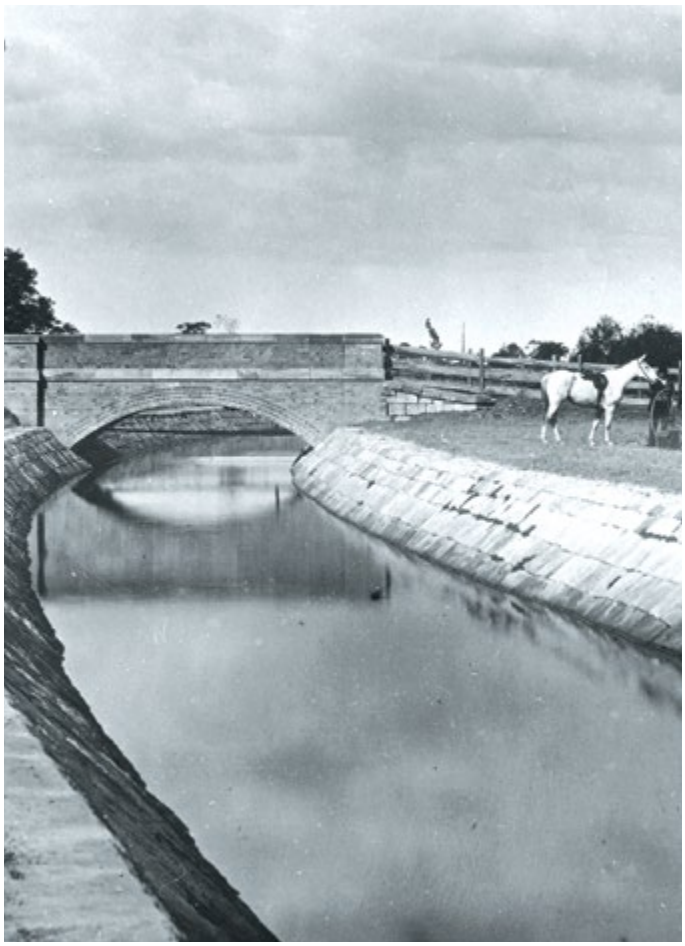
The thematic study will be used to help guide the heritage interpretation strategy and plan for the project. The area is rich in postcolonial history, including:

- Fleurs Radio Telescope Site, which for a time was the CSIRO's leading Radio Astronomy field station in Australia
- the World War Two Fleurs Aerodrome
- the State heritage listed Upper Canal System (built in 1888).

The full thematic study is now available to read on the M12 Motorway's online portal.

Geotechnical investigations near South Creek

Construction of the new Wylde Mountain Bike Trail is underway



The heritage listed Upper Canal – Image courtesy of WaterNSW

The parabolic dish at Fleurs Farm

Next steps

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NEW WYLDE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL UNDERWAY

SITE INVESTIGATION WORK CONTINUES

DETAILED DESIGN CONTINUES

WE ARE HERE

MID 2021

PLANNING APPROVAL EXPECTED

REQUEST FOR TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

OCTOBER 2021
NEW WYLDE MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL OPENS

MID TO LATE 2021
EARLY WORK COMMENCES

EARLY 2022
MAJOR CONSTRUCTION TENDERS AWARDED

MID 2022
MAJOR WORK COMMENCES

2026
M12 MOTORWAY OPENS TO TRAFFIC

What is happening now?

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) and the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) are now considering Transport's response to submissions and assessing the project for a recommendation to their respective Ministers.

The NSW Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and the Commonwealth Minister for Environment will then decide whether or not to approve the project and if so, identify any conditions of approval that would apply.

DPIE is expected to inform Transport of the decision in mid-2021.

For more information

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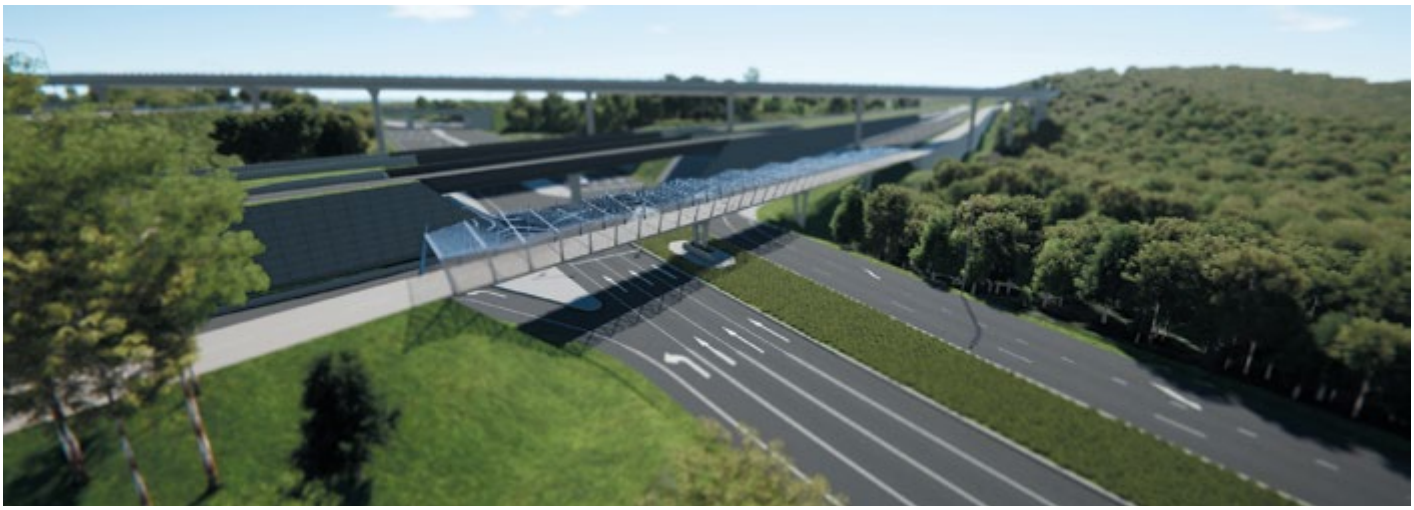

View from Elizabeth Drive looking north toward M12

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