

NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS: RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

May 2021

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*Reporting Period: 1 to 31 May 2021*

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** Delivery of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB) Rankin Park to Jesmond (RP2J) project has been broken into four stages:

Stage 1: Detailed design investigations and low impact works – in progress.

Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge – Completed March 2021

Stage 3: Southern Utilities relocation works – pre-work planning

Stage 4: Main RP2J road construction – detailed design.

**Works underway:**

- Stage 1: Lookout Road house demolition (New Lambton Heights).
- Stage 2: Completed March 2021
- Stage 3: No work in May
- Stage 4: No work in May

**May 2021 Completed Works:**

***Shared Path Bridge***

- Completed March 2021.

***Aboriginal Salvage Works***

- Completed March 2021.

***House Demolition - Lookout Road***

- Demolition and removal of the houses along Lookout Road continued. A large amount of unexpected asbestos containing materials (ACM) has been discovered around the remaining structures and within the soils requiring removal from site. All asbestos material encountered during demolition of the buildings and structures, and initial shaping of the site, has been removed during May and a clearance certificate issued by the hygienist. The area has been shaped for use as a compound site for Stage 3 Southern Utilities relocation works.



**June 2021 Upcoming Works:**

***House Demolition - Lookout Road***

- Remaining works are targeted to be completed by mid-June, comprising installation of the perimeter fencing and ERSED controls inclusive of hydro-mulching and soil stabilisation.

***Non-Aboriginal Heritage Shanty Town and Tramway Heritage Excavation and Salvage***

- Investigative work has been completed and the need for salvage is being determined. If required, salvage is expected later in 2021.

***Stage 3 – Southern Utilities relocation work***

- Quickway have been engaged for this stage with work scheduled to commence in July 2021.

**ER Activity:**

***Reviews/Approvals/Advice***

- Updated VMP – Lookout Road house demolition: review and comment

***Inspections***

- A site inspection of the house demolition area was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021 with the ER, DPIE, EPA, TfNSW and Delta Group.
- A Joint ER/TfNSW inspection report was issued to TfNSW and Delta Group.

***Environmental Group Meetings / Site Meetings***

- A monthly project meeting was held on 4<sup>th</sup> May with TfNSW, EPA, DPIE and the ER
- ERGs are not being held for low impact works; however, inspections and project briefing meetings will be undertaken monthly.

***Audits***

- There were no ER audits held in May.

***Stop Work Notices***

- There were no Stop Work Notices in May.



**Incidents**

- There were no incidents in May.

**CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval**

**Reports**

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (April 2021) – Prepared, reviewed and uploaded (DPIE Portal): 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

**Monitoring**

- No monitoring is required for the Stages 1, 2 or 3.

**Community Consultation and Complaints**

- A community update was distributed to about 16,000 properties in late May 2021. The update included information on status of early work, project funding and Non-Aboriginal Heritage investigations.
- The three month look ahead for out of hours work was distributed to nearby residents of the southern utilities project site.
- One complaint was received about use of Grandview Parade as a turnaround bay by heavy vehicles. The correct route and practice for accessing the site was reinforced with demolition contractors.

**Project Positives**

- All asbestos material encountered during demolition of the Lookout Road properties and structures has been removed and a site wide clearance certificate issued by the hygienist.



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**Site Images – Stage 1: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 1: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 2: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 3: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 4: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 5: Lookout Road house demolition**



**Image 6: Lookout Road house demolition**

