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Update: Peatties Road work compound site

The Australian and NSW governments are funding the Rankin Park to Jesmond section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass. The 3.4 kilometre bypass would be built between Rankin Park and Jesmond, to the west of John Hunter Hospital.

Transport for NSW is continuing to plan for the fifth section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond. We are continuing early work on the project and aim to start construction on the main project in 2022.

Transport for NSW submitted a modification proposal for the Rankin Park to Jesmond project which put on public exhibition by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) in June last year for feedback from the community, stakeholders and government agencies.

The proposal sought permission to use four additional compound sites identified outside the existing project area; at Cardiff Heights, Kotara, Shortland and New Lambton. The additional compound sites were sought after a previously identified and approved site within the project area adjacent to John Hunter Hospital was significantly reduced in usable size.

Approval for proposed Peatties Road compound site

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) has approved the modification proposal to use the three additional compound sites, including a site at 6 Peatties Road, Kotara.

The Minister for Planning approved the modification request following a rigorous assessment, which included consideration of issues raised in submissions made by the community and council's and TfNSW's responses to these.

DPIE concluded the establishment and use of these temporary ancillary facilities would have minimal social and environmental impacts which would be managed by existing and new conditions of approval. DPIE also noted the need to provide appropriate places for facilities that will support the road's construction.

Landowner consent does not need to be granted for a project to be approved by DPIE but appropriate arrangements would need to be made with the City of Newcastle and Sydney Trains (the landowners) before a facility could be built or the site used.

Conditions of approval

The approval has several conditions that would need to be met for the Peatties Road site to be used.

Street trees would need to be protected, and to ensure people can still safely use Peatties Road a temporary footpath would need to be constructed from Charlestown Road to at least five metres past the entrance to the site, designed in consultation with City of Newcastle. Traffic controls would need to be in place to manage heavy vehicle movements when entering and exiting the ancillary site.

Under a new condition, the Peatties site must not be used to store or stockpile earthworks material including dirt, topsoil, rock, rubble, quarry materials, waste concrete, asphalt, bricks or excavated material. The site would be used to house office facilities and for light vehicle parking, such as cars and utes.

In addition, the facility must be designed and operated to ensure that no direct flow from within the site flows into Tickhole Creek and a minimum three metre buffer must be provided between the top bank of the creek and the facility.

Next steps

The approval granted by DPIE is the final step in the EIS modification process.

Transport is however currently considering and investigating other options for a site compound and a decision has not yet been made regarding the use of the Peatties Road site. Agreement from landowners would be required for any potential site.

We will continue our investigations into other sites and will provide an update to the community when a decision has been made.

Contact

If you would like more information about the DPIE assessment of our modification proposal, please visit the Major Projects Portal at www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/40836.

For more information about the Newcastle Inner City Bypass between Rankin Park and Jesmond, visit nswroads.work/rp2j. Thank you for your patience during this important work.