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Proposed additional compound sites

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.

Modification to the approved project

In June 2021, we submitted a modification proposal for the project which was displayed by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for feedback from the community, stakeholders and government agencies. The proposal sought permission to use four additional compound sites outside of the existing project area. The four sites are located at:

- 10-12 Main Road/60 Marshall Street, Cardiff Heights
- 6 Peatties Road, Kotara
- off Astra Street, Shortland (next to the Newcastle Golf Practice Centre)
- 136 Lookout Road, New Lambton

We also sought to align our compliance monitoring and reporting program conditions to be similar to projects more recently approved by DPIE.

Information on how to give feedback on the modification proposal was displayed on the DPIE Major Projects Planning Portal, advertised in the Newcastle Herald and advised via letterbox drop to properties nearby to the proposed site compounds.

Your feedback

DPIE received 45 submissions on our proposal from 42 different individuals. This included 35 submissions from community members and one submission from a community group. All other submissions were from government agencies.

Key issues raised in feedback included:

- access to the proposed Astra Street compound by the property owner, City of Newcastle
- management of compliance monitoring and reporting program
- issues related to the proposed Peatties Road site, including:
 - traffic impacts at the Peatties Road and Charlestown Road intersection
 - ability of the intersection and road to accommodate heavy vehicles
 - pedestrian and motorist safety

- noise impacts, particularly outside of standard working hours

A submissions report detailing the issues raised and our responses to each will be published by DPIE on the Major Projects Portal and on the Newcastle Inner City Bypass project webpage nswroads.work/rp2j.

Further investigations and changes to our proposal

We carried out further investigations on our proposal based on your feedback. Our investigations focused on the proposed Peatties Road compound site and included:

- pedestrian count surveys on Peatties Road at AM and PM (prior to the August COVID stay at home orders)
- swept path analysis to confirm what size vehicle could move through the Peatties Road and Charlestown Road intersection without needing manual traffic control (stop/go manual traffic management)
- intersection capacity analysis to confirm how many vehicles use the intersection now, get through on each green light cycle and how long each cycle goes for
- traffic network investigations to see if traffic from the proposed compound could be accommodated at the intersection and whether traffic light settings need to be adjusted

The submissions report being assessed by DPIE details the results of our further investigations. It also responds to all feedback received including clarification of a number of aspects of our proposal.

Based on your feedback we have made two changes to our proposal. We have:

- removed the Astra Street compound site from our application
- proposed to maintain the existing compliance monitoring and reporting Conditions of Approval

Next steps

DPIE are currently assessing our modification proposal and submissions report. Following their assessment, they will publish our report and make a decision on our application.

We will provide more information about our proposal when we receive feedback from DPIE.

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.