

NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS: RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND (SSI-6888)  
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT

April 2022

*Reporting Period: 1 to 30 April 2022*

This Environmental Representative (ER) Monthly Report is prepared in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval A26(k) for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass: Rankin Park to Jesmond (SSI-6888) and consistent with the Environmental Representative Protocol (August 2018).

**PROJECT SUMMARY:** Delivery of a 3.4km section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB) which will be built between Rankin Park to Jesmond (RP2J) and to the west of the John Hunter Hospital.

The project has been broken into four stages:

Stage 1: Detailed design investigations (geotechnical investigations) and low impact works (house demolition, heritage investigations, at-house noise treatment works) – in progress.

Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge – completed March 2021.

Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works – in progress.

Stage 4: Main RP2J road construction – detailed design and RFT.

Transport for NSW called for registrations of interest for the tender process in early 2021, with tenders now called and received from the three shortlisted contractors:

- John Holland Pty Ltd;
- Fulton Hogan Construction Pty Ltd and;
- NEWLink - BMD Constructions Pty Ltd and Ditchfield Contracting Pty Ltd Joint Venture.

**Works Summary:**

- Stage 1: House Demolition was completed June 2021, consultation of AHNT works commenced March 2022
- Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge was completed March 2021
- Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utility Relocation works commenced in July 2021 and are ongoing
- Stage 4: Main Works, no work in April 2022

**April 2022 Completed Works:**

**Stage 1 - At House Noise Treatments**

- Ongoing preparation of the property database
- Completion of all Scope Proposal Report's for Stage 1 properties (55 of 140 properties)



**Stage 1 – Culvert Works**

- Nil

**Stage 3 – Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works**

- Completed trenching and installation of new DN500 water mains within Hunter Water reservoir site
- Trenching and installation of new water mains from under bores at the McCaffrey Drive/Lookout Road intersection
- Trenching and installation of telecommunication conduits along Lookout Road
- Construction of new Telstra pits
- Completed electrical outage for HV/LV cutover at Lookout Road/McCaffrey Drive intersection.
- Progress on site has been significantly impacted by wet weather (5.5 rain days during April 2022)

**May 2022 Upcoming Works:**

**Stage 1 - At House Noise Treatments**

- Preparation of Scope of Works Reports for Stage 1 properties (55 of 140 properties)

**Stage 1 – Culvert Works**

- Low impact works associated with preventing microbats returning to the Dark Creek culvert

**Stage 3 – Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works**

- Trenching and installation of water mains at McCaffrey Drive/Lookout Road intersection.
- Trenching and installation of water main along McCaffrey Drive (night works)
- Reinstate Hunter Water reservoir site and demobilise from area
- Complete construction of new Telstra pits
- Hauling telecommunication cables through new conduits
- Excavate and backfill water main trench along Lookout Road ready for asphalt pavement works

**ER Activity:**

**Reviews/Approvals/Advice**

- Environmental Inspection Report (5-4-2022): Prepare and issue
- Attendance at Weekly Environmental ER/TfNSW meeting: attendance each Monday at 2pm
- Revised dates: OOHW Application No. 33 (Low Risk) – Ausgrid Overhead Electrical Work: Review and approve



- Flora and Fauna Construction Monitoring Program: Review and endorse
- Surface and Ground Water Construction Monitoring Program: Review and comment
- Air Quality Construction Monitoring Program: Review and endorse
- April Environmental Project Team Meeting Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022: Review
- OOHW Application Register: Review
- Post Approval Tracking Register: Review

### ***Inspections***

- A site inspection was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2022 and attended by TfNSW, DPE (Post Approvals and Compliance), EPA, Quickway and the ER.

### ***Project Environmental Team Meetings***

- The monthly project meeting was held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April
- The next monthly project meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.
- Project environmental team meetings are not being held for early works and low impact works; however, inspections and project briefing meetings are being undertaken monthly.

### ***Audits***

- There were no ER audits held in April.

### ***Stop Work Notices***

- There were no Stop Work Notices in April.

### ***Incidents (as per MCoA definition)***

- There were no incidents in April.

### ***Non-compliances***

- There were no non-compliances in April.

### ***Environmental Issues (i.e.: not classified as Incidents as per MCoA)***

- There were no environmental issues in April.



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

**Reports**

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (March 2022) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPE (Post Approvals and Compliance): submitted to DPE (via Portal): 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

**Monitoring**

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

**Community Consultation and Complaints**

**Complaints**

- There were no complaints in April.

**Community consultation**

- Three month look ahead notification for April to June 2022 period of out of hours work distributed to potentially affected residents on the 1 April 2022.
- A number of Notifications were sent including potential removal of asbestos and tree removal outside several properties.
- OOHW Notifications.

**Project Positives**

- There were no project positives in April.

**RP2J Environmental Representatives (as per MCoA A22)**



Simon Williams  
**Principal Environmental Planner**  
**Director**  
**GeoLINK**



Duncan Thomson  
**Principal Environmental Engineer**  
**Director**  
**GeoLINK**

*Attachment: Site Images – April 2022*





**Site Images – Stage 3: Southern Utility Relocations**



**Image 1: Utilities relocation works**



**Image 2: Utility relocation works**



**Image 3: Utility relocation works**



**Image 4: Utility relocation works**







**Image 5: Utility relocation works**



**Image 6: Utility relocation works**



**Image 7: Utility relocation works**



**Image 8: Utility relocation works**

