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The Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link program is an important part of our vision to create an integrated road and public transport network, which balances the needs of motorists and our local communities.

The program consists of:

 Western Harbour Tunnel which stretches from the Warringah Freeway at Cammeray, under Sydney Harbour, to the WestConnex interchange at Rozelle. This project will be a game changer for our city, providing a third crossing of Sydney Harbour.

It will change how we cross Sydney Harbour, with improved capacity and simpler, more direct routes, improving travel times and reliability for people on both sides of the harbour.

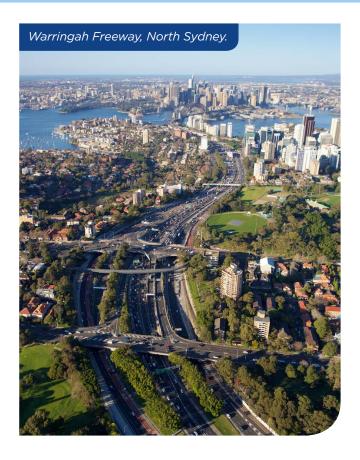
 Beaches Link which provides an alternative to the Spit Bridge and Military Road for the Northern Beaches, connecting through to the Warringah Freeway and Gore Hill Freeway. It will revolutionise how Sydney moves between the Northern Beaches and the rest of Sydney, by providing a new high capacity road that has been designed to integrate with the public transport network.

We will also be upgrading the connection point of the two tunnels, the Warringah Freeway.

You will have a more reliable trip, bypassing 19 sets of traffic lights through The Spit, Mosman and Neutral Bay. The program will save up to 54 minutes on a trip between Frenchs Forest and Rozelle and up to 32 minutes between Manly and Macquarie Park.

Since mid-2018 we have been in a process of extensive community consultation on the Proposed Reference Designs for these projects.





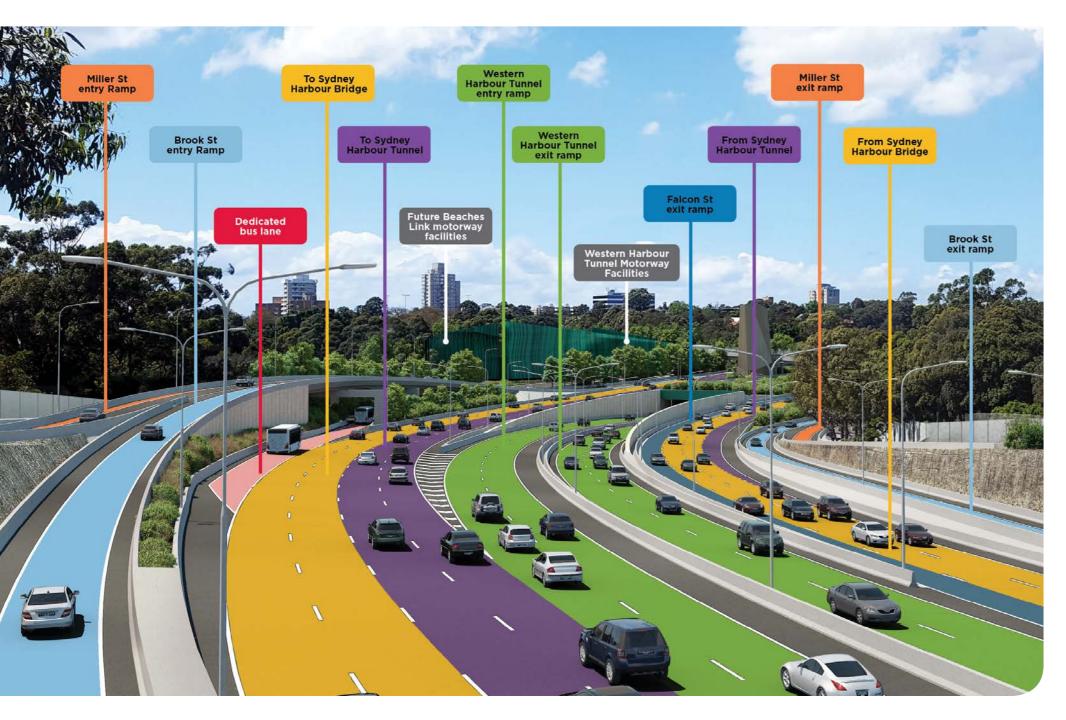




## **Warringah Freeway Upgrade**

We will be upgrading around four kilometres of the Warringah Freeway between the northern end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Willoughby Road overpass to improve safety and provide more reliable journeys for commuters, freight and bus customers. This includes the provision of a dedicated continuous southbound bus lane from Miller Street to the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The Warringah Freeway will be reconfigured in the Cammeray area (as shown in the figure below) to allow the new connection to the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link tunnels, and make it easier to access and use the harbour crossings. This includes local widening into the Cammeray Golf Course to create space for the new tunnel entry and exits.



# What this means for Cammeray

You will benefit from access to the new Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link tunnels, as well as from improvements to the Warringah Freeway making it easier, faster and safer to access the Sydney Harbour crossings.

Locals will benefit from travel time savings of up to 20 minutes from North Sydney to Sydney Olympic Park, up to 20 minutes from North Sydney to Leichardt and up to 15 Minutes from North Sydney to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport.

Following community feedback we will be maintaining the connection between the Warringah Freeway and Ernest Street by retaining the Ernest Street ramps. We will also improve pedestrian and cyclist paths on Ernest Street Bridge, High Street Bridge and Ridge Street Bridge.

A dedicated, continuous southbound bus lane from Miller Street to the Sydney Harbour Bridge will also improve journey times and reliability for bus commuters travelling from Cammeray to the city.

## **Cammeray site**

A key priority for us when developing our project was to minimise the number of residential properties we need to acquire for our temporary construction sites and permanent motorway facilities.

This is why we are planning to use a section of Government-owned land within Cammeray Golf Course near the Warringah Freeway during construction and for some permanent facilities.

It also allows us to keep the Warringah Freeway flowing while we make it a little wider in this location.

# How we've responded to your feedback on open space

We understand open space is a key concern for the Cammeray community.

Based on your feedback, we have revised the design in this area to reduce the size of our construction and permanent footprint from the Proposed Reference Design released in 2018. This revised design will be presented in the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade Environmental Impact Statement which will be placed on public exhibition for community comment in early 2020.

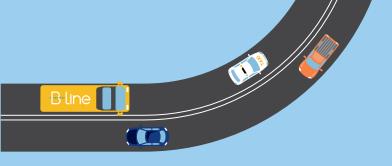
We are working closely with the Cammeray Golf Club to develop a strategy that will minimise impacts to the people who use the course and have included provisions for the Golf Course to remain open as a compliant nine hole course, if desired.

We are planning to carry out more work from the Cammeray construction site to minimise impacts at St Leonards Park and Anzac Park and avoid impacts to the football pitch, skate park, croquet club and tennis courts at Cammeray Park.

# **Reducing local traffic impacts**

To minimise traffic impacts in your local community during construction, we will be transporting tunnel spoil via the Warringah Freeway – not through the local streets in Cammeray.

Trucks will transport spoil from the site via the Warringah Freeway. This will only occur during standard construction hours – from **7am to 6pm Monday to Friday**, and **8am to 1pm Saturday**.



## **Next steps**

#### Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) will place the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade EIS on display for community comment in early 2020.

This exhibition process is your opportunity to have your say on the development of the project, and we encourage you to provide your feedback.

During the public exhibition period we will be hosting community information sessions in your local area, where you can meet members of the project team, provide comments and have your questions answered about our project.

More information will be communicated on the dates, times and locations of the sessions once the EIS is on exhibition.

#### **Beaches Link**

Thank you for your patience while we refined the design. This gave us the opportunity to consider community feedback and wherever possible reduce the impact of the project.

Now we have updated the Reference Design for Beaches Link, it will take us more time to finalise the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for public exhibition. This will allow us to complete the necessary investigations and assessment work, and prepare the appropriate documentation.

The EIS assesses the expected impacts of the construction and operation of this project including environmental and social, proposed locations for construction sites, truck movements and how we are managing the potential impacts to local flora and fauna.

We are expecting the Beaches Link EIS to be on public exhibition from mid-2020, when you will be invited to make a submission.

# **Contact the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link team**

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