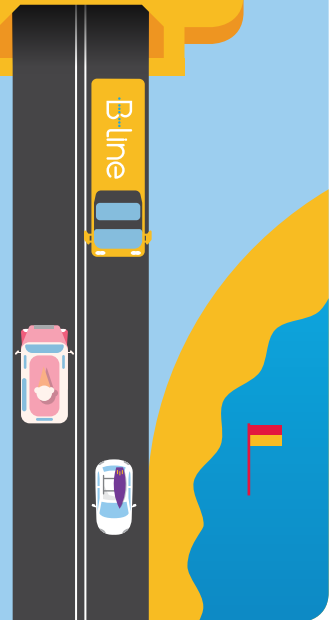




Beaches Link

Removing the air quality monitoring station in North Balgowlah



The Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link program is a major transport infrastructure program that will make it easier, faster and safer to get around Sydney. By creating a western bypass of the Sydney CBD, the Western Harbour Tunnel will take pressure off the congested Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Harbour Tunnel and Anzac Bridge; while Beaches Link will create an alternative to the Military Road and Warringah Road corridors to relieve traffic pressure on the North Shore.

A program of this scale is expected to support up to 15,000 full time equivalent jobs during its construction.

Beaches Link is an integrated transport solution that will improve car and bus journey times to and from the Northern Beaches. It will also provide new connections to St Leonards and Macquarie Park linking people with jobs, education and services. The project will deliver significant travel time savings for customers, including Brookvale to Sydney CBD up to 27 minutes, Dee Why to Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport up to 56 minutes, Frenchs Forest to Rozelle up to 54 minutes and Manly to Macquarie Park up to 32 minutes.

We expect to have the Beaches Link Environmental Impact Statement available for public exhibition later this year.

Currently infrastructure construction projects are considered essential to the economy and will continue as planned across the city and the state.

The safety and wellbeing of our workforce and the wider community is our highest priority. Our people are following hygiene and appropriate social distancing measures and will continue to do so.

What will we be doing?

As part of the Beaches Link project, we have been carrying out a number of investigations to inform the environmental assessments and refine our designs.

To collect data on existing air quality conditions we installed a number of air quality monitoring stations, one of which is near you. These stations have now been in place for over two years and we have collected enough data for our assessment.

In September 2019, we started removing the air quality monitoring station at North Balgowlah. We will be finishing the removal of the air quality monitoring station over the coming weeks.

Our work location is shown on the map on the following page.

We recognise air quality is important to you. All ventilation systems for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link project will be built strictly in compliance with any conditions specified in the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's planning approval, and the Environment Protection Licence to be issued by the Environment Protection Authority.

You may be assured that air quality will be monitored at all stages of the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link program, including once it is operational. The tunnels will be built to meet strict air-quality standards using state-of-the-art ventilation and tunnel design.

You may also be interested to know the independent NSW Chief Scientist and Engineer has recently released a report in relation to road tunnel air quality. The report found emissions from well-designed road tunnels cause a negligible change to surrounding air quality, and as such, there is little to no health benefit for surrounding communities in installing filtration and air-treatment systems in such tunnels. Further information is available at www.chiefscientist.nsw.gov.au and nswroads.work/airquality.

When will we be working?

We expect the work to take around two weeks to complete, weather permitting. We will be **working between 21 May to 4 June, between 7am and 6pm, Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays**. There will be no work on Sundays or Public Holidays.

How will this work affect you?

Our work should not be too impactful, but it may be noisy at times, particularly when we are removing the concrete. We will help to reduce noise by using low noise reversing alarms on all machinery and turning off equipment and vehicles when they are not being used.

There will be no changes to the roads or footpaths while we're working but you may notice our team in the area and around the site.

What does our work involve?

When we're working we will be using cars, utes, a crane truck and tools. We will be removing the fences, air quality monitoring station and the concrete base. When we're finished we will reinstate the area by replacing soil and relaying grass.

Location of work - North Balgowlah



Contact the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link team


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