

# Spoil Management Project



## Planning approval granted for natural material to be relocated using freight trains

Transport for NSW has approved the Spoil Management Project which will allow for spoil from the M4 WestConnex project to be relocated to the Illawarra using freight trains.

Transferring spoil by train will reduce the number of kilometres travelled by heavy vehicles, reducing congestion on NSW roads and improve safety.

## Key goals for the Spoil Management Project include:

- Reducing the number of kilometres travelled by heavy vehicles which will improve congestion on NSW roads, increase road safety and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Improving customer journeys on metropolitan and regional roads including Mount Ousley Road and the M1 Princes Motorway
- Providing socio-economic benefits including jobs and potential growth for businesses
- Setting a framework for future projects to use rail freight in spoil management planning.

## Feedback from the community

We would like to thank the community for their feedback during the public display of the Review of Environmental Factors (REF).

Feedback received has been considered as part of the planning approval process and has been responded to in a Determination Report. Refer to page 2 for a summary of the feedback received.

## View the Determination Report

A Determination Report has been completed to assess and respond to feedback received during the public display of the REF and also includes conditions to minimise environmental impacts (known as Conditions of Approval).

The Determination Report and Conditions of Approval are available to view at [transport.nsw.gov.au/projects](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/projects)

## What we heard

We would like to thank the community for their feedback. The table below summarises key issues raised in feedback received during the public display of the REF. For more detailed information, please see the Determination Report available on the project website.

Key issue	Response
Potential dust impacts at transfer facilities and during transportation of material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To minimise impacts to the environment, mitigation measures will be in place during construction and operation including covering truck loads, minimising dust and using water carts.</li></ul>
Increase use of heavy vehicles on local roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The project will reduce the number of kilometres travelled by heavy vehicles on the overall road network by using freight trains to transport natural material from metropolitan Sydney to the Illawarra, reducing congestion on NSW roads and improve road safety.</li><li>• A detailed Traffic Management Plan would also be prepared in consultation with Roads and Maritime Services, the relevant Council and WestConnex prior to start of construction and operation of the transfer facilities at Chullora and Port Kembla.</li></ul>
Operational hours including night work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Where possible, activities would be scheduled during the day, however, there is a possibility that unloading activities would occur during night time.</li><li>• Further noise modelling would also be undertaken during the detailed design phase of the project to ensure appropriate mitigation measures are used to effectively minimise noise impacts.</li></ul>
Impact to passenger services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Passenger services and timetables will not change as a result of this project.</li><li>• Transport for NSW is working with the freight industry on the options available.</li></ul>

## Where to from here?

Transport for NSW is working with WestConnex to progress the plans for the project. Before spoil can be delivered to the site, a detailed design process will be completed to determine what equipment will be used to transfer spoil between freight trains and trucks. A comprehensive plan will be developed for the construction and operation phases of the project.

Environmental management plans including traffic, dust and noise will also be prepared prior to work starting.

The community will have an opportunity to provide further feedback on the project during the detailed design phase.

## What material will be moved?

The spoil composition is expected to be:

- 65 per cent sandstone
- 35 per cent mixed (sandstone, siltstone, shale)

The spoil being transported is natural material uncontaminated by industrial or commercial activities. No contaminated material will be transported as part of the project.

## Will spoil be stored at Chullora or Port Kembla?

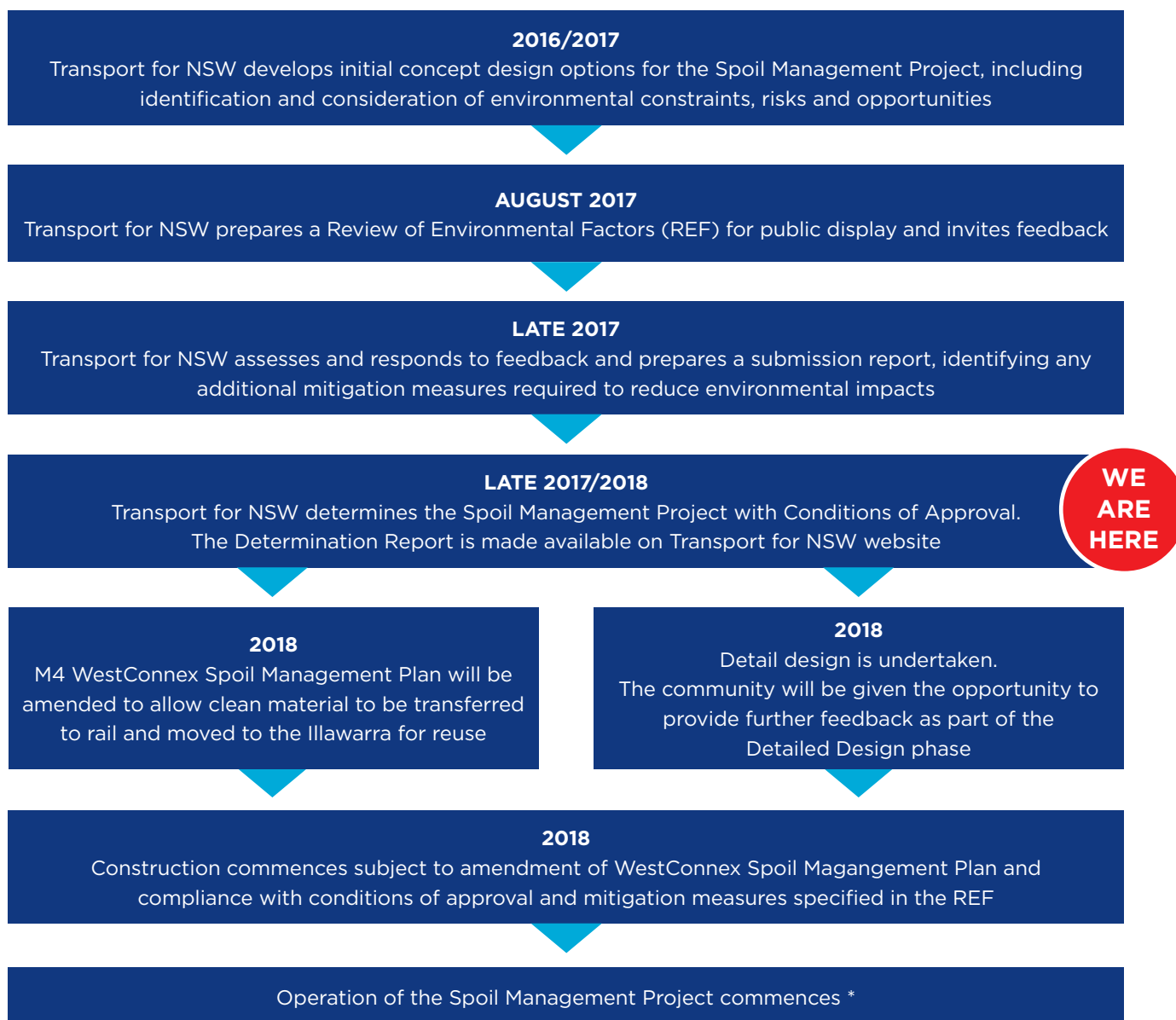
Up to 3,000 tonnes of spoil may be temporarily stockpiled at Chullora and Port Kembla. To minimise material being stored, spoil will not be transported unless an agreed destination in the Illawarra is in place. Transport for NSW is investigating locations and projects in the Illawarra region that need clean spoil.

### Next steps

The WestConnex project has an approved spoil management plan which allows for clean and natural material to be transferred via truck. Following the approval of the Spoil Management Project, WestConnex will be able to amend their existing Spoil Management Plan to allow clean material to be taken to the Illawarra by trucks and rail.

Construction of the transfer facilities can only start once the detailed design process has been completed, management plans are in place, and all approvals have been finalised. Refer to table below for more information on the planning process.

## The planning process



\* Use of the Spoil Management Project for other projects would be subject to a separate planning assessment.

## Contact us

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