

Sydney Trains

Lithgow Area Remodelling Project

November 2019 – January 2020 update

Sydney Trains will begin a project in November 2019 to modernise the overhead wiring and train signalling system and undertake track modifications in the Lithgow area. These upgrades are important to enable remote control signalling operations, support the future introduction of new trains and ensure the ongoing reliability of the network.

We have engaged a specialist heritage consultant to help us protect historic rail items and will be working with Lithgow City Council to understand how we can best minimise disturbance.

Sydney Trains has engaged John Holland to carry out these essential infrastructure upgrades, which are planned for completion in June 2020.

What we're doing

- Track re-alignment
- Modification and renewal of overhead wiring to suit new track alignment
- Minor modifications to platform awnings and platform edges at Eskbank
- Demolition of a platform and construction of retaining wall at Eskbank
- Construction of new buried cable route

How this affects you

Our site sheds will be located within the rail corridor and on Sydney Trains land off Inch Street. All work will be within the rail corridor, however you may notice increased noise and some construction vehicles entering or exiting the site from nearby rail access gates. Our work hours will generally be from:

- 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday
- 8am to 1pm Saturdays.

There will be no disruption to train services, although some work may occur during already scheduled trackwork. Please call 131500 or check *Upcoming Trackwork* on the Transportnsw.info website to find out if buses replace trains during trackwork.

Contact us

For further information, please contact our contractor John Holland on 1800 413 883 or email LARcommunity@jhq.com.au. To report any environmental concerns please call 1300 656 999 (24 hours).

We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your cooperation during these essential works.

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What we're doing in November

Monday 4 November to Friday 15 November

We will be working in the rail corridor at Lithgow on weekdays and then continuously over the weekend of 9 to 11 November (2am Saturday until 2am Monday). To minimise disruption to customers, this work is being done within already scheduled trackwork. The work will involve:

- Overhead wiring structure foundations
- Civil work (installation of underground services)
- Structural works including modifications to a platform awning and platform edge at Eskbank

Equipment to be used includes excavators, rock breakers, vacuum trucks, concrete pump and concrete trucks, hi-rail loader, light vehicles, hi-rail plant and hand tools (eg rattle guns and grinders).

What we're doing in December

Thursday 26 December to Monday 30 December

We will be working in the rail corridor continuously from Thursday 26 December to Monday 30 December (2am Thursday until 2am Monday). To minimise disruption to customers, this work is being done within already scheduled trackwork. The work will involve:

- Overhead wiring structures and foundations
- Civil work (installation of underground services)
- Demolition of a platform and construction of retaining wall at Eskbank

Equipment to be used includes excavators, rock breakers, hi-rail loader, light vehicles, hi-rail plant, drill rig and hand tools (eg rattle guns and grinders).

How this affects you

All work will be within the rail corridor. You may notice increased noise and some construction vehicles entering or exiting the site from nearby access gates. We will make every effort to minimise impacts on the community.

Noise

The work will create additional noise. During the **around the clock works from 9 to 11 November and from 26 to 30 December**, we will aim to minimise noisy work wherever possible by:

- Scheduling work generating high noise and/or vibration levels during less sensitive time periods
- Implementing one hour respite periods for every three hour period of noisy activities
- Using equipment intermittently and turning down or off when not required
- Using generator silencers
- Minimising construction traffic and/or directing traffic to less sensitive routes
- Inducting staff to be considerate of neighbours and minimise noise

Traffic and parking

- Plant, equipment and materials may be delivered to the worksite outside business hours due to travel restrictions on large vehicles. Heavy vehicles may be using local streets to access the rail corridor (if it is not possible to use other less sensitive routes). While we will park our vehicles inside the rail corridor and our site compound where possible, please be aware that on-street parking may be limited near worksites