

# **Circular Quay Investigations**

#### **COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION**

#### June - July

The NSW Government is planning to renew the public spaces and transport infrastructure surrounding the Circular Quay ferry wharves. As part of this work, Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is conducting investigations at Circular Quay to provide data to understand how the wharves and public spaces might be renewed.

## **Upcoming work activities**

**From Monday 29 June until Thursday 3 September**, geotechnical investigation activities will take place at ground level under the Cahill Expressway and in First Fleet Park. Work will involve drilling up to 12 boreholes (see map for locations) and soil sampling in First Fleet Park. Survey work and utility investigations will also take place around the greater Circular Quay precinct.

#### Night work

For the safety of workers and the community and to minimise disruption to businesses and commuters, some activities will occur at night. Night work will occur between 7pm and 7am, from Monday 29 June to Friday 3 July and Tuesday 7 July to Friday 10 July.

Work will involve drilling boreholes at ground level under Circular Quay Station (opposite wharves three, four and five). There will also be partial lane closures on George Street, The Rocks and on the corner of Alfred and Young Streets, Circular Quay, to enable machinery to be delivered and removed. Traffic control will be in place to provide directions to motorists and pedestrians.

Between 7pm and 7am on one night between 13 and 17 July (subject to tidal conditions), a small boat will be used to access areas under the promenade adjoining the wharves to test ground conditions.

### How will this work affect you?

TfNSW is committed to minimising the impact to residents, businesses, transport customers and visitors. Circular Quay will remain open for business during these investigations and public transport operations will not be affected by the work.

Access to ferry wharves, properties and businesses will be maintained, however small temporary enclosed work sites will be established around borehole locations (up to 4m by 10m in size). These areas will be temporarily unavailable for up to 48 hours for each borehole location.

# Area for investigations



## **Revised construction hours due to COVID-19**

Under new rules introduced by the NSW Government to support the construction industry during the COVID-19 pandemic, construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays. Under the new Order, standard construction hours are now **7am to 6pm every day, including public holidays.** The Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Infrastructure Construction Work Days) Order 2020 will continue until the COVID-19 pandemic is over, or the advice of NSW Health changes. It enables workers to abide by social distancing rules while keeping construction projects progressing by allowing building work to be spread across more days of the week.

### **Construction equipment**

Equipment to be used during the work activities includes drill rigs, work vehicles, trucks, generators, lights, a small boat, ground penetrating radar, survey equipment, a video camera for underground utility inspections, and various hand and power tools.

Transport for NSW is committed to minimising noise impacts on the community. We switch off equipment when not in use, place equipment as far away from properties as possible and monitor our work activities to make sure noise levels are being managed effectively.

# Keeping the community informed

If you would like to speak with the project team about this work, please contact us through the details provided below. We thank you for your patience as we undertake this important work.



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