

# Regional Rail Fleet Project

## Community Notification

The NSW Government is replacing the ageing regional rail fleet of XPT, XPLOER and Endeavour trains. A new purpose-built maintenance facility will be built in Dubbo as part of this project. The new trains will improve safety, amenity and reliability for customers who travel from Sydney to many regional centres in NSW, as well as Canberra, Melbourne and Brisbane. The NSW Government awarded the contract to deliver the Regional Rail Fleet Project to Momentum Trains.

### Extended construction hours

The NSW Government has introduced new rules to support industry and continue the delivery of critical infrastructure during COVID-19. These new rules are allowing construction sites, including public infrastructure projects, to operate on weekends and public holidays.

The new rules, outlined under *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days) Order 2020* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (COVID-19 – Infrastructure Construction Work Days) Order 2020* (the Orders), will continue for up to six months from when the Orders were put in place. All changes to the Orders will be communicated accordingly.

Under the new rules, standard construction hours are now 7am to 6pm every day, including public holidays. The new rules are in place to facilitate physical distancing and support the health and wellbeing of all workers, while keeping construction projects progressing by allowing building work to be spread across more days of the week.

### What you can expect

From 4 July 2020, CPB Contractors intends to work the additional allowable hours on Saturdays to facilitate physical distancing at the Dubbo Maintenance Facility site and support the health and wellbeing of all workers.

Work is not planned for Sundays or public holidays at this stage.

We understand this change may cause disruption for the community but all efforts will be made to minimise impacts where possible and ensure strict environmental conditions relating to noise, vibration and dust management are adhered to. All reasonable measures to reduce noise impacts will continue to be implemented.

High impact noise generating activities such as rock breaking, rock hammering, sheet piling, pile driving and similar activities are still subject to restrictions specified in the project's planning approval conditions and will not take place between 1pm and 6pm on Saturdays.

## Hours of work

Work will be undertaken during the following times:

- Monday to Friday, 7am to 6pm
- Saturdays, 7am to 6pm.

Any work proposed outside of standard construction hours will still require review and approval by Transport for NSW.

## Keeping the community informed

Further information about the Orders can be found on the NSW Government COVID-19 Response and Recovery website [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/COVID19](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/COVID19).

We will continue to notify the community of any upcoming out-of-hours work or new construction activities at least seven days in advance.

We apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your ongoing cooperation during this important work.

For more information about the Regional Rail Fleet Project please call 1800 684 490, email [projects@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:projects@transport.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/regional-rail](http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/regional-rail).

**For urgent enquiries or complaints regarding construction activities, call our 24-hour Construction Response Line on 1800 775 465.**