

# Commuter Car Park Program

## Emu Plains

### Project update

In late 2020, planning approval was granted for a new ground level commuter car park at Emu Plains Station, providing approximately 750 additional parking spaces. The project is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

In January 2021, Stephen Edwards Constructions was awarded the contract to design and construct the new commuter car park on behalf of Transport for NSW. Over the past few months, site investigations and detailed design progressed for the new commuter car park. During this time, field surveys undertaken for the Aboriginal Heritage Cultural Assessment identified additional Aboriginal heritage items on the project site.

As a result, commencement of construction for the new Emu Plains Commuter Car Park project will be temporarily paused. A formal process is underway in consultation with Registered Aboriginal Parties, on the careful management of these items. The number and description of items found is currently being investigated.

This process will require some aboveground vegetation removal in the project area to enable further field work including archaeological investigations. This field work will help inform the next steps and revised project timeframes. We'll keep the community updated as our investigations progress.

### Community consultation

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the proposed concept design in late 2020. Your feedback has helped the project team to understand what is important to customers and the community and is being considered during detailed design. Some answers to commonly asked questions and suggestions is included below.

### Key themes raised during consultation

Some of the key themes raised during consultation include:

#### Design, layout and traffic flow along Old Bathurst Road and Smith Street

We received valuable feedback from the community regarding traffic in surrounding streets and appreciate the detailed feedback provided and alternative suggestions on the proposed entry and exit points to the car park.

We heard suggestions from the community to incorporate a roundabout or signalised intersection on the corner of Smith Street and Old Bathurst Road. As part of the proposal, a Traffic and Transport Assessment

was undertaken to understand how the new car park could integrate into the surrounding roads.

Following our investigations and stakeholder feedback, a roundabout at the intersection of Smith Street and Old Bathurst Road is now being investigated.

The roundabout would provide entry and exit to the car park and may include an additional left hand turn lane off Old Bathurst Road into Smith Street. The roundabout access would replace the original entry and exit to the car park from Old Bathurst Road.

## Key themes raised during consultation

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### Request for solar panels in the car park

We received some suggestions to install solar panels in the new car park. The Commuter Car Park Program, with locations across Sydney and Greater Sydney, has been modelled with an aim to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions. This will be achieved by installing solar panels on the roof of multi-storey car parks to meet this aim across both the multi-storey and ground level commuter car parks. At this stage, solar panels are not planned to be installed at-grade car parks.

### Urban heat island effect and flooding in Emu Plains

We had some questions from the community regarding landscaping in the car park, flooding in the area and concerns with the high temperatures experienced in Emu Plains.

Subject to detailed design, a vegetated drainage channel will also be constructed in the car park, which will be designed to capture and manage excess water when it rains.

Trees will be planted in between parking isles to provide shade.

During the next stage of design, a climate change risk assessment will be conducted. This assessment will address urban heat and flood mitigation in the new car park.

## Next steps

Detailed design is progressing including for the car park layout, footbridge and the proposed roundabout. Upcoming site investigations will include investigations in relation to the management of Aboriginal heritage items on the site, as well as geotechnical investigations to inform the design of the foundations for the proposed footbridge.

## Keeping you up to date

We will continue to keep you informed about the project through notifications to customers, local residents and businesses and frequent updates published on our website: [transport.nsw.gov.au/emuplains](https://transport.nsw.gov.au/emuplains).

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## About the Commuter Car Park Program

The Commuter Car Park Program is a NSW Government initiative to provide you with more convenient access to public transport interchanges and help ease congestion on our roads. We have already delivered more than 10,000 commuter car spaces across Sydney since 2011, with another 8,000 on the way.



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