



NEWCASTLE INNER CITY BYPASS: RANKIN PARK TO JESMOND (SSI-6888)
ENVIRONMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE MONTHLY REPORT
February 2023

Reporting Period: 1 to 28 February 2023

This Environmental Representative (ER) Monthly Report is prepared in accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval A26(k) for the Newcastle Inner City Bypass: Rankin Park to Jesmond (SSI-6888) and is consistent with the Environmental Representative Protocol (October 2018).

PROJECT SUMMARY

Delivery of a 3.4km section of the Newcastle Inner City Bypass (NICB) which will be built between Rankin Park to Jesmond (RP2J) and to the west of the John Hunter Hospital.

The Rankin Park to Jesmond project is the fifth section of the NICB, which forms part of the Transport for NSW long term strategy to connect the Pacific Highway between Bennetts Green and Sandgate.

The project has been broken into four stages:

- Stage 1: Detailed design investigations (geotechnical and utility investigations) and low impact works (house demolition, heritage investigations, at-house noise treatment works, access, installation of environmental controls).
- Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge.
- Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utilities relocation works.
- Stage 4: Main RP2J road construction.

WORKS SUMMARY

- Stage 1: House Demolition was completed June 2021, consultation of At House Noise Treatment (AHNT) works commenced March 2022 and is ongoing. Commencement of low impact works (Potholing and Geotechnical Investigations) by the Stage 4 (main works) contractor commenced in September 2022.
- Stage 2: Shared Path Bridge was completed March 2021.
- Stage 3: Southern Interchange Utility Relocation works were completed in August 2022.
- Stage 4: Main works are currently in pre-construction. Works are scheduled to commence in the first half of 2023.



February 2023 Completed Works

Stage 1 – Low Impact Works (non-construction)

- At House Noise Treatment (AHNT) Works - ongoing preparation of the property database and inspections for Stage 2 properties and commencement of 23 physical property treatments in Stage 1. EOIs are open for the remaining properties.
- Fulton Hogan Construction – Hollywood heritage salvage, traffic barrier installation, line marking and signage placement.

Stage 4 – Main Works

- Post approval document preparation and detailed design
- Road dilapidation and building condition surveys

March 2023 Upcoming Works:

Stage 1 – Low Impact Works (non-construction)

- AHNT Works - continuation of the 23 physical property treatment works in Stage 1 and commencement of another 29. Stage 2 and 3 procurement continues.

Stage 4 – Main Works (construction)

- Project boundary flagging
- Pre clearing surveys and commencement of vegetation clearing
- Traffic and pedestrian pathway realignment
- Completion and operation of compound and ancillary sites

ER Activity:

Reviews / Approvals / Advice / Meetings

- LIWA 006 Signage, barriers and line marking set up works: Review and approve
- OOHW 007 (CNVIS07) Jesmond interchange set up works: Review and approve
- OOHW 008 (CNVIS08) McCaffery Drive and Lookout Road set up works: Review and approve
- OOHW 009 (CNVIS09) JHH Electricity Pole Relocation: Review and approve
- CEMP and Sub Plans: Reviewing updates
- Post Approvals Tracker: Review
- Weekly Environmental Project Team Meetings (ER and TfNSW)
- Fortnightly Environmental Construction Team Meetings (ER, TfNSW and FHC)
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- ERG Monthly Agenda / Meeting Minutes No.5 - Tuesday 7 February: Arrange, prepare and issue



Inspections

- A site inspection was held on the 7 February 2022 and attended by TfNSW, FHC, DPE and the ER. Images are provided in the attachment.

Environmental Review Group (ERG) Meeting

- ERG meeting No. 4 was held on Tuesday 7 February 2023.
- The next ERG meeting (No. 5) is scheduled for Tuesday 7 March 2023.

Audits

- There were no ER audits held in February.

Stop Work Notices

- There were no Stop Work Notices in February.

Incidents (as per MCoA definition)

- There were no incidents in February.

Non-compliances

- There were no non-compliances in February.

Environmental Issues (i.e.: not classified as Incidents as per MCoA)

- There were no environmental issues in February.

CEMP, CEMPP & Minister's Conditions of Approval

Reports

- MCoA A26(k): Environmental Representative Monthly Report (January 2023) – Prepared, reviewed and sent to DPE (Post Approvals and Compliance): submitted to DPE (via Portal): 6 February 2023.

Monitoring

- Stage 4 monitoring has not commenced. Monitoring will commence when construction commences.

Community Consultation and Complaints

Complaints

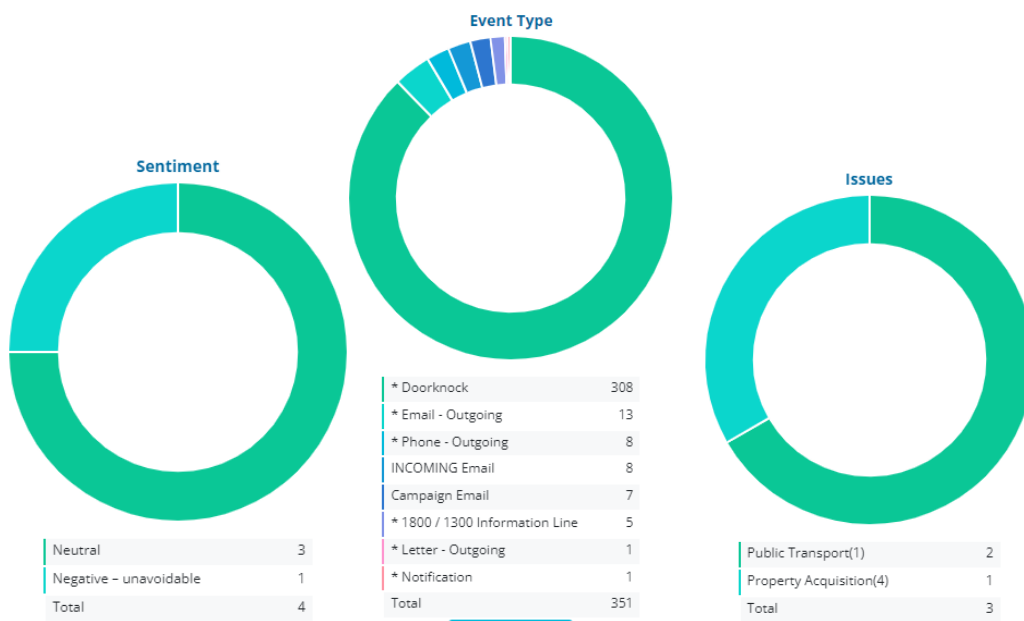
- There were no complaints in February – one negative comment about vegetation removal, but stakeholders concerns about noise and fumes from the new bypass in the future – referred to TfNSW



Community consultation

- Consultation relating to night works
- Building inspection report consultation
- Consultation with residents regarding barrier/signage installation, vegetation clearing and use of adjacent land for de-watering sediment basins
- Over 300 doorknocks with impacted stakeholders
- Three-month look ahead for February to April – 2000 letterboxed, over 750 emailed
- Three-month look ahead for March to May – including Invitation to Community Drop-in Session – 3/3/2023 Jesmond Park - 2000 letterboxed, over 750 emailed
- Introductory emails sent to four local primary and high schools with offer of a school engagement opportunity about the project and careers in construction
- Hunter Living History Group site tour (17 stakeholders) – salvage site “Hollywood” – end February
- Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony held on site end of February

Summary of Issues and Events



RP2J Environmental Representatives (as per MCoA A22)

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Attachment: Site Images – February 2020



Site Images – Hollywood Heritage Salvage



Image 1: Hollywood Heritage Salvage works



Image 2: Hollywood Heritage Salvage works



Image 3: Hollywood Heritage Salvage works



Image 4: Hollywood Heritage Salvage works