

Saturday extended work hours

Consultation summary

November 2023

Overview

The NSW Government is replacing the previous ferry wharves at La Perouse and Kurnell as part of the Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell Master Plan.

We are committed to building the Kamay Ferry Wharves safely and as efficiently as possible so that we limit impacts to the community.

Our contract partner, McConnell Dowell, proposed to extend Saturday work hours so that we can maximise our workers' time and equipment. This will allow us to complete some of our work activities faster and minimise overall disruption to the community.

As part of the project's planning approval, we consulted with nearby community members at La Perouse and Kurnell on a proposal to extend Saturday work hours from 1pm to finishing at 6pm, for a period of around eight months.

Consultation took place between Friday 6 October 2023 and Friday 20 October 2023.

A substantial majority of respondents agreed to the proposal and the Environmental Representative approved the extended Saturday hours, starting from Saturday 11 November 2023, with no extended hours to take place on Saturdays between 16 December 2023 and 6 January 2024.

Noise verification monitoring will take place during the work, and the Extended work hours can be reviewed by the Environmental Representative at any time.

Details of Saturday extended hours and activities proposal

Details of the proposal include:

- Extending our regular working hours on Saturday from 1pm to finishing at 6pm:
 - Standard work hours: Saturday from 8am to 1pm
 - Proposed extended hours: Saturday from 8am to 6pm.
- Work to take place from Saturday 11 November 2023 for a period of approximately eight months
- No extended hours will be worked on Saturdays between 23 December 2023 and 6 January 2024
- Impact piling will continue to stop at 1pm.

Typical work activities during the extended working hours include:

- moving barges and crane barges
- moving and storing piles and other equipment
- welding
- concrete installation activities
- installing the wharf pre-cast support beam sections
- operating the temporary jetty at Kurnell

- carrying out bored/drilled piling (this is the quieter piling method).

There will be no additional vehicle or truck movements during the extended work hours. Workers would park inside the construction site. We will conduct noise verification monitoring.

Consultation process

Under our project conditions, if the contractor requests to work outside of standard work hours, and there is a noise impact, we are required to undertake a Community Negotiated Agreement process. This process involves seeking agreement from a substantial majority of residents and businesses impacted by the proposed work. We undertake noise modelling to determine impacted residents and businesses.

To determine the worst-case potential noise impacts, noise modelling was conducted based on the activities that would be undertaken between 1pm and 6pm on Saturdays. This means, we modelled noise created by all machinery operating simultaneously, which is unlikely to happen. The planned activities differ from daily construction activities as they do not include the noisier activities such as impact piling, which may have been heard by nearby residents and businesses during our weekday work hours.

Properties were identified that would potentially be directly impacted by these noise levels and those that would not. Some properties, whilst geographically located near to the construction site at La Perouse or Kurnell, fall outside the noise impact zone for these particular Saturday afternoon construction activities (which do not include impact or vibration piling).

Noise modelling is conservative by nature and any inconsistencies between neighbouring properties is generally caused by variations in building height, shielding and reflections from buildings, topography, fences and other structures, or data being rounded to the nearest decibel.

Map showing targeted community consultation area (shown in blue below) as defined by noise modelling - Kurnell:



Map showing targeted community consultation area (shown in blue below) as defined by noise modelling – La Perouse:



Consultation activities

We carried out targeted engagement activities with residents of properties within the community consultation area (blue coloured zones) in the maps above.

Consultation took place over two weeks. A variety of communication methods were used including:

- letter containing a QR code (linked to a response form) hand delivered to home or business
- targeted doorknocking during the day
- calling card left at the property if the doorknock was unanswered
- second round of targeted doorknocks completed after standard working hours
- calling card containing a QR code (linked to a response form) left at the property if the doorknock was unanswered.

The project's contact details, including phone number and email, were provided on all communication, and community members could contact the team to ask questions or get further information.

Consultation outcome

- 94% of respondents agreed to Saturday extended work hours at Kurnell.
- 92% of respondents agreed to Saturday extended work hours at La Perouse.

Following completion of the targeted community consultation, the results were provided to the Independent Environmental Representative (ER) alongside an Out of Hours Work Approval (OOHWA) for review.

The ER approved the Saturday extended hours application, with a holiday break from 16 December 2023 to 6 January 2024.

Work taking place outside of standard hours can be reviewed by the Project's ER at any time.

A notification outlining the consultation outcome and details of the extended work hours was distributed to nearby residents and businesses and emailed to our project distribution list on Friday 3 November. It is also available on the project's documents webpage.