Transport for NSW

Leichhardt Bus Depot Conversion

Zero Emission Buses Program

January 2025

Planning approval has been granted for the Leichhardt Bus Depot Conversion.

In January 2025, Transport for NSW (Transport) approved the Leichhardt Bus Depot Conversion, which is being delivered as part of the Zero Emission Buses Program.

A minor works Review of Environmental Factors (Minor Works REF) was prepared to describe the proposed work, assess the environmental impacts and to inform Transport's decision to proceed with the project.

To view or download the Minor Works REF, visit **transport.nsw.gov.au/gss1depotconversions**.

About the project

The Leichhardt Bus Depot Conversion will finish the transition to zero emissions technology, following a partial conversion completed in 2022.

Previous work completed involved the installation of more than 40 plug-in electric vehicle (EV) chargers, rooftop solar panels, a battery electric storage system and an electrical grid upgrade.

Leichhardt depot currently operates more than 200 buses, with over 70 of those being battery electric buses.

A full conversion will see all diesel and gas buses replaced with battery electric buses, offering cleaner, smoother, and quieter bus journeys. It will also support future growth at the depot.

Transport for NSW acknowledges Gadigal and Wangal of the Eora Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

Key features

The key features of the Leichhardt Bus Depot Conversion include:

- expanding and reconfiguring the depot to allow more bus charging and parking spaces
- around 77 new plug-in EV chargers installed for buses
- two new elevated platforms with shipping containers storing essential electrical equipment (total height is about 9m)
- decommissioning of existing diesel and gas refuelling infrastructure
- electrical grid upgrade delivered in partnership with Ausgrid.

What are we doing?

From **Monday 20 January 2025**, our delivery partner Transit Systems, will start construction at Leichhardt Bus Depot. Work activities to be completed over the coming months include:

- site establishment and laydown areas: installing temporary fencing, a staff office and staff amenities for construction workers
- digging trenches and placing an underground culvert for electrical services
- installing cable trays and supports in preparation to install high-voltage, and low-voltage cables
- building concrete bases for chargers, platforms, footings, and other equipment.

The type of equipment used during this work includes:

- Excavators
- Cranes
- Elevated Work Platforms (EWPs)
- Trucks
- Light vehicles
- Concrete mixers
- Compactors
- Power tools (e.g., grinders, drills).

When and where we'll be working?

Construction work will be completed within the depot during standard construction hours between **7am-6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am-1pm on Saturdays**.

Some work may be required outside of these hours and affected neighbours will be notified in advance of any work outside these times.

What will this mean for you?

There will be some noise associated with the work activities and you may notice staff parking on local streets while we complete this work.

We will take every step to reduce impacts on the community and the environment. This includes and is not limited to:

- instructing staff to park on site where feasible
- using non-tonal reversing beepers
- instructing workers to keep noise to a minimum
- not leaving machinery and equipment idling when not in use.

We will continue to keep the community updated as construction progresses.

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