



# M12 Motorway

## Community update

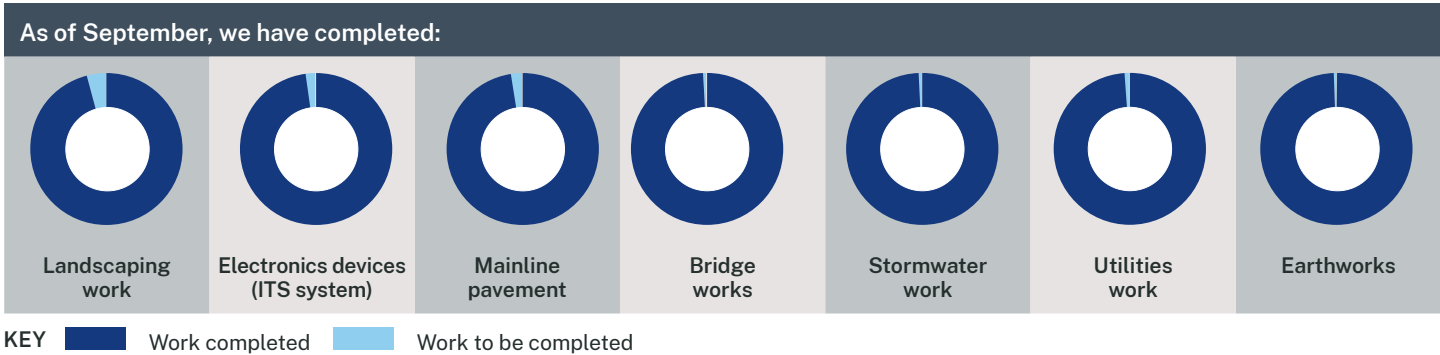
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Airport Interchange looking east with the Great Emu in the Sky sculpture

The Australian and NSW Governments are building a better infrastructure future for Western Sydney by delivering the new M12 Motorway.

With most of our major work now complete, the team is focusing on the final touches as we pave the way for opening in early 2026. Take a look inside to see some of our key achievements.



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Dharug people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we work and pays respect to Elders past and present.

# Elizabeth Drive takes a big step forward

A 2.2km section of Elizabeth Drive has been upgraded from one lane to three-lanes in each direction, opening to traffic in August 2025.

This major milestone will increase road safety by significantly easing congestion for the 28,000 vehicles who drive this route daily.

As well as tripling the roadway for motorists, this upgrade also includes a new bridge that spans over the new Western Sydney Airport Metro line and Warami Drive – all leading into the Western Sydney International Airport.

Once opened, the M12 Motorway will provide direct access to the Airport and connect The Northern Road in the west with Elizabeth Drive and the M7 Motorway in the East.



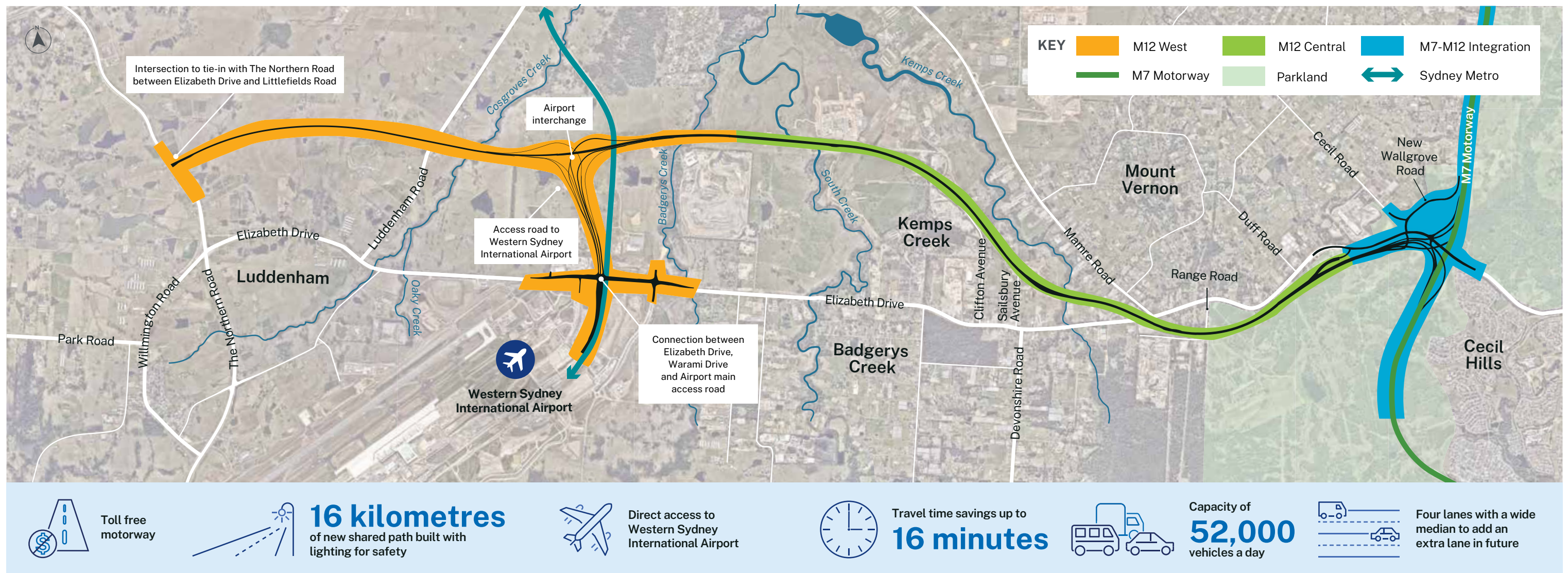
Before



After



Three years in the making: Elizabeth Drive in Badgerys Creek is now complete



## Shared path takes shape

Pedestrians, runners and bike riders are a step closer to enjoying a new shared user path in Western Sydney Parklands that will connect the M7 Motorway shared path to the new shared path along the M12 Motorway.

Work on the 2.3-kilometre path continues to take shape, with the foundation and alignment work almost finished. Trenching and landscaping are also underway, while new drainage will be added this month.

Once complete, visitors will be able to access various destinations in the Parklands including Wylde Mountain Bike (MTB) and BMX, Gabrugal Yana bushwalk, public amenities and future recreational spaces surrounding the Liverpool Offtake Reservoir.

The project is a partnership between Transport for NSW and Greater Sydney Parklands and will create a vital link between Cecil Park and Cecil Hills for pedestrians, runners and bike riders.

The shared path is on track to be open in early 2026.

For more information about the project visit:  
[www.greatersydneyparklands.nsw.gov.au/m7-m12-shared-user-path](http://www.greatersydneyparklands.nsw.gov.au/m7-m12-shared-user-path)



Building the new M7 to M12 shared path connection



Part of a six series Aboriginal storytelling of the Great Emu Life Cycle: the 'Mariong chases the Male Emu' artwork is being installed on Elizabeth Drive, Badgerys Creek



Having a yarn: Transport staff with Dr John O'Sullivan, Dr John Reynolds and Dr Phil Edwards

## Inventor of wi-fi visits the M12

Scientists from CSIRO visited the M12 Motorway project site in August 2025 to reflect and celebrate the important contributions they made to Australian astronomy.

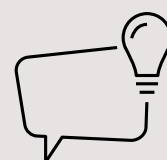
Dr John O'Sullivan (lead wi-fi inventor) and Dr John Reynolds were stationed at the Fleurs research station in Kemps Creek during the 1970's and 80s, while Dr Phil Edwards was once based out at the famous Radio Telescope in Parkes.

In 1954, the Fleurs Radio Telescope site was established in Kemps Creek, picked as the location for the Mills Cross – a more powerful radio telescope array. The Mills Cross surveyed the sky and objects in the Milky Way.

This work paved the way for other renowned scientists and physicists to move their research to Fleurs up until 1996. Since then, the area was subdivided and still partially owned by Sydney University, who acquired the site from CSIRO in 1963.

To mark the significance of this important work in Australian scientific history, the M12 Motorway has built a key landmark along the shared user path giving people an opportunity to learn about the history of the area and its impact on science in the 20th century.

### Did you know?



Three out of the five scientists on the wi-fi patent, including Dr John O'Sullivan, worked at the Fleurs Radio Telescope in Kemps Creek.

**Transport is providing FREE wi-fi for the first 12 months on the shared path at the Fleurs rest area.**



Fleurs Telescope interpretive signage along the shared user path

## Upcoming work and milestones



**Commission street lighting**  
and Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)



**Complete pavement**  
grooving and grinding



**Complete building the Great Emu**  
in the Sky sculpture



**Complete linemarking**  
on the motorway and shared user path



**Complete landscaping**  
and tree planting



Let there be light: testing the new feature lights under the M12 Motorway bridge over Elizabeth Drive near Mamre Road



New road signs installed on Warami Drive, looking north

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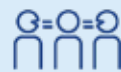
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