



Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade

Quarterly community update

October 2025



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Country on which Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade are being constructed, including the Gadigal, Cammeraygal, and Wangal peoples, as well as the Aboriginal peoples of Emu Plains, and we pay respect to Elders past and present.

Warringah Freeway Upgrade

The Warringah Freeway Upgrade (WFU) project team has been busy in the last few months opening new sections of the newly upgraded freeway to motorists and pedestrians.

Alfred Street off ramp, partially opened 2 August 2025

A section of the new Alfred Street southbound off ramp opened on Saturday 2 August 2025, re-connecting access from the Warringah Freeway to North Sydney and Kirribilli.

By opening this section of the new off ramp, we are able to provide interim access for the local community while also allowing our team to continue important work in this area to finalise the new off ramp structure. This temporary access arrangement is expected to be in place for around six months. The full length of the Alfred Street off ramp will be open to motorists in late 2025/early 2026.

The new Alfred Street southbound off ramp will provide dedicated and separated access for general motorists to High Street and the Cahill Expressway from the Warringah Freeway. It passes over the new southbound bus lane and connects the southbound lanes of the Warringah Freeway to the Cahill Expressway via the new Mount Street underpass and High Street via two lanes on the new overpass. The bridge is three spans, with an overall length of 86.5 metres. Eighteen Super-T girders weighing around 55 tonnes each were installed over the three spans in January 2025. We know how important this access is for the surrounding community, residents, and businesses and are working to open the off ramp in its final configuration as soon as possible. There will also continue to be intermittent temporary closures in the future to safely finalise work along the new off ramp structure including lighting and signage.



Alfred Street off ramp viewed from Alfred Street North.



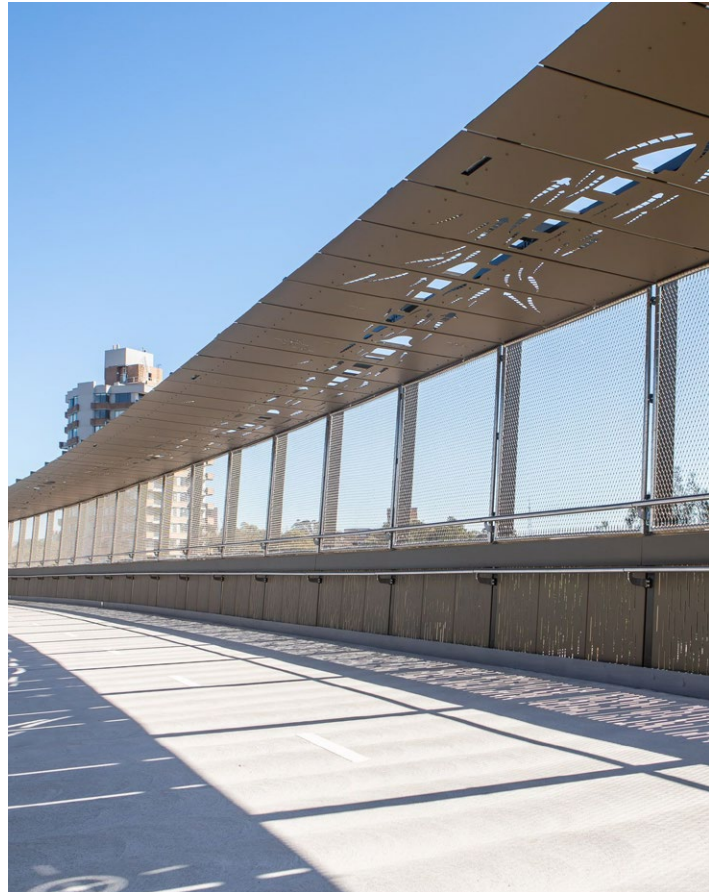
✓ Falcon Street shared user bridge, opened 5 August 2025

This impressive 187-metre-long, 4.8-metre-wide bridge provides pedestrians and cyclists with safe, easy connectivity over one of Sydney's busiest corridors.

The new bridge has enhanced travel by integrating lighting for functionality and amenity, screening to improve safety and installation of architectural screens and canopies featuring rain-inspired artwork, sharing a traditional Aboriginal story of five eels, stars and constellations.



Falcon Street shared user bridge at night.



Falcon Street shared user bridge architectural screens depicting a traditional Aboriginal story of five eels, stars and constellations.

✓ Mount Street underpass open, 5 September 2025

The Mount Street underpass has been built to provide dedicated access for Cahill Expressway motorists travelling to City East, Eastern Suburbs and Sydney Airport. The underpass is 46.6 metres long and 5.8 metres wide and was constructed by excavating around 3000 cubic metres of sandstone and rock. The Mount Street underpass is part of the Mount Street interchange and Alfred Street off ramp upgrades, which will provide dedicated, separated access for general motorists from the Warringah Freeway to High Street and the Cahill Expressway.

NSW Minister for Roads Jenny Aitchison officially opened the ramp and celebrated the achievement with the project team a few hours before the first vehicles drove through. Around 10,000 vehicles will use the underpass each day.



The Minister for Roads cuts the ribbon and opens the Mount Street underpass.

Old Falcon Street shared user bridge final span demolition, September 2025

The old Falcon Street shared user bridge closed in April 2025. The remaining sections of the old Falcon Street shared user bridge were removed during August and September. The final span and pier was removed on the weekend of 19 September and 20 September 2025. The last girder weighed 67 tonnes which required a 750 tonne mobile crane to lift it out of position and down onto the road, to be cut it into three transportable segments.



Aerial view of the Falcon Street bridge's precinct taken in August when the last remaining span was still in place on the old bridge.

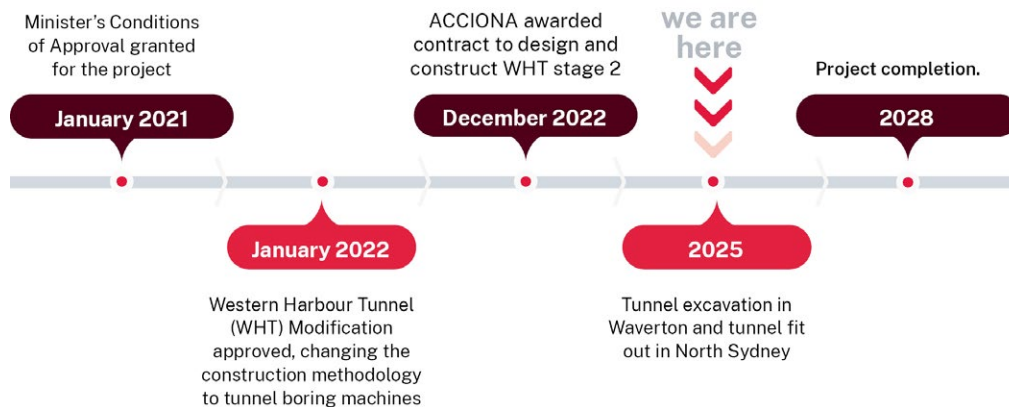


The design and construction team celebrates the final segment removal hours before the cranes rumble in.

Western Harbour Tunnel

Progress of the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) project

Timeline to completion



What happens to Western Harbour Tunnel's tunnelling material?

In 2025, we gave a new purpose to over **1,025,278 cubic metres** of clean excavated tunnelling material across the Western Harbour Tunnel project. That's enough to fill about **65 per cent of the Sydney Cricket Ground** - soil that's now helping shape Sydney's future.

Where does it all end up? Our excavated material is on the move, fuelling transformation across the city. This year, our top three reuse destinations are:

- **Elford Group – Badgerys Creek Resource Recovery Facility** – turning waste into opportunity
- **Western Sydney Airport** -providing the foundations for Sydney's next international airport
- **Oran Park** –helping build infrastructure and vibrant new communities.

From runways to rooftops, our excavated material is laying the foundation for tomorrow -clean, smart, and full of potential.



Western Harbour Tunnel roadheader excavating material that will be repurposed in other locations.

Tunnel boring machine arrival - Patyegarang

Patyegarang, the first of our two tunnel boring machines (TBMs), arrived at Glebe Island by ship on Friday 22 August 2025.

The artwork featured on Patyegarang's cutterhead symbolically represents the passing of knowledge and connection to Country, and her arrival marked a key milestone on the WHT project.

Patyegarang is currently the biggest TBM in the Southern Hemisphere. Our second TBM, Barangaroo, is equal in size and will be arriving soon.



Unloading the 325 tonne 'main drive' component of our TBM, Patyegarang, at Glebe Island.

Aboriginal student immersion day

During August we welcomed students from Canterbury Girls High School, Asquith Boys High School, Picnic Point High School and Chifley College, who visited the Western Harbour Tunnel project's Cammeray construction site. The students were guided through the surface-level construction areas in Cammeray and given insights into our daily operations, safety protocols and the broader impact of the project. One of the most engaging parts of the day was the hands-on experience with a bolting machine, a critical piece of equipment used in tunnel construction.

A panel of Aboriginal team members from Western Harbour Tunnel delivery partner, ACCIONA, shared their careers and personal journeys, challenges and successes, aiming to inspire students. The day wrapped up with a presentation on available traineeship opportunities with guidance on how to apply and what to expect during the traineeship. The traineeship program supports entry into the construction and tunnelling workforce and provides a qualification at completion. This session aimed to turn inspiration into action for all students who took the time to attend.



Students and staff from Western Harbour Tunnel contractor, ACCIONA, during the Aboriginal student immersion day at Cammeray, August 2025.

Feedback on detailed designs for Berrys Bay foreshore parkland

The Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT) draft Place Design and Landscape Plan (PDLP) (part 2) – Berrys Bay, was on public exhibition for consultation, between Monday 28 July and Sunday 24 August 2025. We heard from a wide range of community members and stakeholders in response to the draft PDLP, receiving over 100 submissions. Thank you to those who took the time to review the plan, share their feedback, meet with the project team to ask questions, and learn more about the PDLP via our website. Transport for NSW and ACCIONA are reviewing the submissions before finalising the PDLP and seeking approval from the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure later this year.



In-person information session in progress during August for local community and stakeholders to meet the project team and hear more about the draft PDLP for Berrys Bay.

Berrys Bay site establishment progresses

Work to remove derelict and dangerous marine infrastructure and buildings is underway at the WHT Berrys Bay temporary construction site.

Our work in the water includes a barge-mounted crane and experienced diving crew removing sunken jetties and piers, which is required to create a safe working space ahead of rectification work at the seawall. Work is progressing well and we hope to have the sea wall work zone cleared in early October 2025.

Other work underway includes removal of the derelict buildings on site. A specialist team has been working to remove the former Administration Building and Marine Workshop interior features safely, ahead of the building roof and walls coming down with the help of specialised plant and equipment.



Learn more about the early work underway in the Start of Works notification available on the **WHT portal – Berrys Bay page** or scan the QR code.



Derelict marine infrastructure removal work underway (foreground) with diver (background).

Transport for NSW has updated its complaints management process

Transport has recently updated the project Community Communications Strategy to Revision 11, which now includes two new subsections on how WHT and WFU respond to complex complaints and manage complaints received through third party platforms. Specifically, updates have been made to:

- Section 11.6 – Responding to complex complaints (page 69)
- Section 11.7 – Management of complaints made via third-party platforms (page 69)



You can view the updated strategy on our portal **here** or **scan the QR code**.

Help us to keep you updated about the Warringah Freeway Upgrade

We are committed to keeping you updated on our work activities in your area by sending weekly email updates, letterbox notifications, and knocking on your door to talk face to face.

Please help us improve how we communicate with you by answering a few short questions in our Warringah Freeway Upgrade communications survey by **scanning the QR code**:



Your feedback will help us understand what is working well and how we can improve.

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