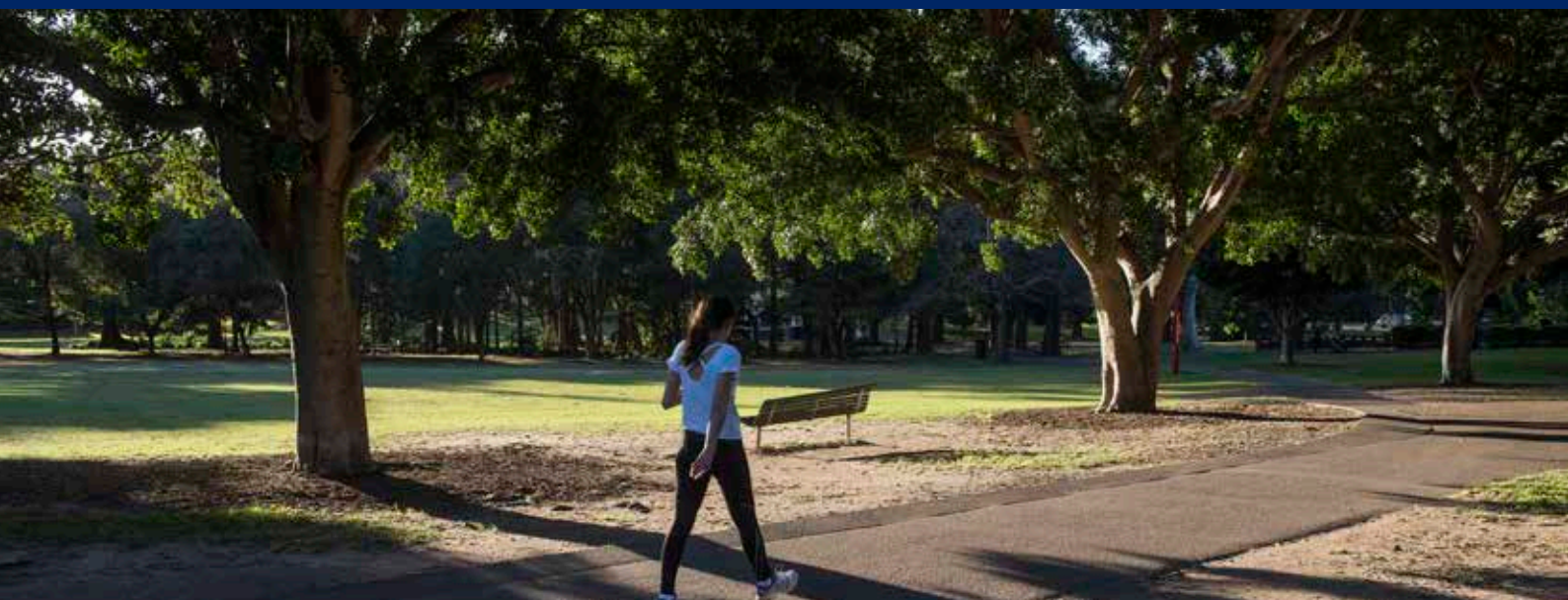


Western Harbour Tunnel & Warringah Freeway Upgrade

November 2022



Tree replacement along the project corridor

Transport for NSW is delivering the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway Upgrade projects – making it faster, easier and safer to get around Greater Sydney.

The main works on the Warringah Freeway Upgrade have now started. During the work, we are removing some trees and vegetation and will progressively replace them with new plants in good soils, safe locations and with room to grow and thrive.

We are designing the project to avoid or minimise the need to remove trees.

Where trees do need to be removed, they will be replaced in line with project planning approvals, which require trees to be replaced at a ratio of two to one with an increase in tree canopy. This means there will be more trees along the corridor than there were before the project commenced.

Replacing trees – our overall approach

As the project continues, we are progressively replacing trees. Our project teams will also start replacing trees in the Cammeray Golf Course, which is impacted by construction, before the end of 2022.

A progressive tree replacement approach means that by the time the project is delivered, many of the replacement trees along the corridor will have achieved significant growth in both height and canopy width to provide canopy coverage as well as visual screening.

We are already engaging with nurseries to plan for ordering replacement trees.

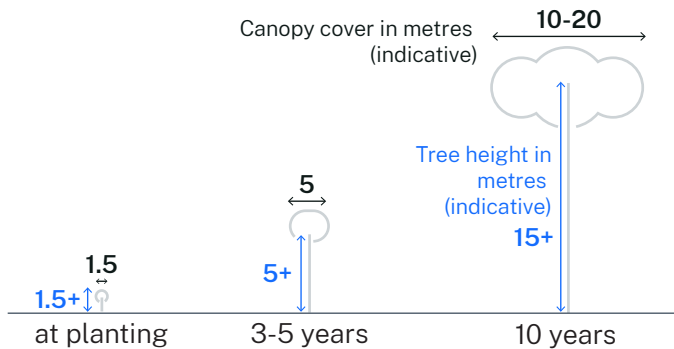
We are currently developing a Tree Replacement Strategy in late 2022. In early 2023 we will release a Place, Design and Landscape Plan detailing urban design outcomes, replacement tree types and locations. Later, we will prepare Landscape Strategy Reports including final landscape outcomes. We will consult with local communities and Councils on these documents.

Fast fact – tree growth rates

Some of the trees we will select in consultation with the community are those already common in and around the project corridor and many common types are relatively fast growing trees.

Local Council policies and guidelines will help guide the selection of replacement trees

The Sydney Blue Gum is a common tree type found in the project corridor. This species of tree can grow to a significant size in just a few years if planted in the right locations and properly cared for.



These trees and others can grow even larger over the years, providing visual amenity for the community and cooler and greener places.

Guiding principles

Some of our key considerations in replacing trees include:

- Selecting the right sized tree for the right place
- Ensuring a range of appropriate species to promote biodiversity
- Appropriate trees for a range of purposes including community amenity in public open space.

Working with communities

Transport recognises the value communities along the project alignment place on its natural landscapes, heritage features and open space.

We are committed to working with local communities, stakeholders and Councils to help determine the best outcomes for replacement tree species, sizes and locations.

Community engagement timeline



Western Harbour Tunnel Place, Design and Landscape Plan timing to be determined after award of main contract.

Community feedback

We will keep the community informed at each stage of the project including on how to provide feedback on key project documents.

For more information

For more information about our project, please visit nswroads.work/wfuportal call **1800 931 189** or email whtbl@transport.nsw.gov.au

Customer feedback

Transport for NSW, Locked Bag 928 North Sydney NSW 2059

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To make an inquiry or a complaint about the project, you can call our community information line, which is available 24 hours a day and is attended during the project operation hours. Inquiries and complaints may also be received by the project email and by post.



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