



Tunnelling activities on West Botany Street, Rockdale

M6 Stage 1

February 2025



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

M6 Stage 1 will connect President Avenue at Kogarah to the M8 at Arncliffe via four-kilometre twin tunnels, linking southern Sydney to the wider motorway network.

Tunnelling and associated works continue during February from our Rockdale site on West Botany Street. As works continue this year, we would like to extend our ongoing appreciation to the community as we continue to deliver this important project.

What work are we doing?

- Excavating for the tunnel roof and floor, hammering rock, inserting rock bolts to support the ground.
- Continuing waterproofing to prevent water infiltration inside the tunnel as well as spraying concrete and assembling blockwork to reinforce tunnel roof and walls.
- Continuing to cut and excavate trenches to install services such as drainage, electrical and communication conduits.
- Continuing to backfill sections of temporary tunnel areas.
- Preparing sections of the mainline tunnel for future road pavement.

- Removing spoil and waste from our site as well as transporting plant and equipment (this can happen outside standard construction hours).

When and where we'll be working

Tunnelling activities within the acoustic shed, tunnel support activities, as well as operation of the water treatment plant, are currently carried out **continuously seven days a week**, in line with our environmental approvals.

Above ground activities can take place from **7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday and 8am to 6pm, Saturday**.

Spoil can be removed from site outside standard construction hours, however we aim to complete this during the day.

Some rock hammering activities may be required underground during the night. Properties near the activity will receive a notification seven days prior to this work commencing.

What will this mean for you?

The tunnels in this area are more than 40 metres deep so it's unlikely that you will hear or feel the activities. However, you may feel some vibration or noise at times. You may also notice:

- trucks carrying spoil and waste from site
- some noise and or vibration from machinery and equipment
- delivery of machinery and equipment.



Location of work area



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- Tunnelling site
- Temporary tunnel backfilling work area
- Tunnel excavation complete
- Tunnel excavation area remaining
- Tunnel works paused
- Tunnel roof excavation progress by end of January
- Service installation area during February
- Upcoming road pavement work area

Managing our impacts

To reduce the impact of our work we will:

- work inside the acoustic shed for tunnelling
- provide respite for works above ground by stopping high impact noise and vibration activities (like rock hammering, and cutting of pavement, concrete or steel) for one hour, after every three hours of work
- plan our work and implement construction methods to limit noise and vibration
- undertake monitoring of noise and vibration in line with our environmental approvals, where required.

Follow our tunnel progress

Head to our project website and view the complete tunnel alignment. The tunnel progress map is updated every month, providing you with up-to-date information about the project.

March and April activities

- Ongoing excavation of the main road tunnels.
- Ongoing civil and utility fit-out in the tunnels.
- Ongoing tunnel road pavement works and commencement of electrical fit out activities.
- Undertaking geotechnical investigations in the tunnel near West Botany Street, as required.

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