


# Western Harbour Tunnel

## Work notification | Tunnelling update North Sydney and Waverton

January 2026





We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Country on which Western Harbour Tunnel is 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.

Tunnelling in North Sydney and Waverton is progressing well with tunnelling activities continuing in the Falcon Street off ramp, Berry Street on ramp and mainline tunnels.

### What work are we doing?

In **January 2026**, we will continue tunnel fit out including road pavement installation and structural fit out of the cross passages in the mainline tunnels, Falcon Street off ramp and Berry Street on ramp between Warringah Freeway, Cammeray and Waverton Avenue, Waverton. (Fit out work will also be carried out in the underground substation west of Carr Street in Waverton). Benching excavation will take place between Priory Road and Woolcott Street, Waverton and heading excavation and stabilisation / rockbolting activities will continue between Larkin Street and Balls Head Road, Waverton.

A map showing the current approximate location of tunnelling activities throughout January is provided overleaf.

We are approved to carry out tunnelling activities **24 hours a day, seven days a week**.

We are completing the tunnels in phases. Below are the activities that need to be carried out to make the tunnels operational:




- **Phase 1 – heading excavation** which involves excavating the top of the tunnel and cross passages and stabilising the tunnel by installing large steel rods (rock bolts) into the rock layer and spraying concrete (shotcreting).
- **Phase 2 – benching excavation** which involves excavating the floor of the tunnel.

- **Phase 3 – tunnel fitout** which involves installing drainage and other mechanical and electrical services to the new tunnel. Additional excavation activities are required to complete drainage and service installation work. **Some of this work involves high noise impact activities.**
- **Phase 4 – tunnel pavement and structural work** which involves installing the road pavement, signage, line marking and barriers in the tunnel, and structural fit out of the cross passages (linking the tunnels together).

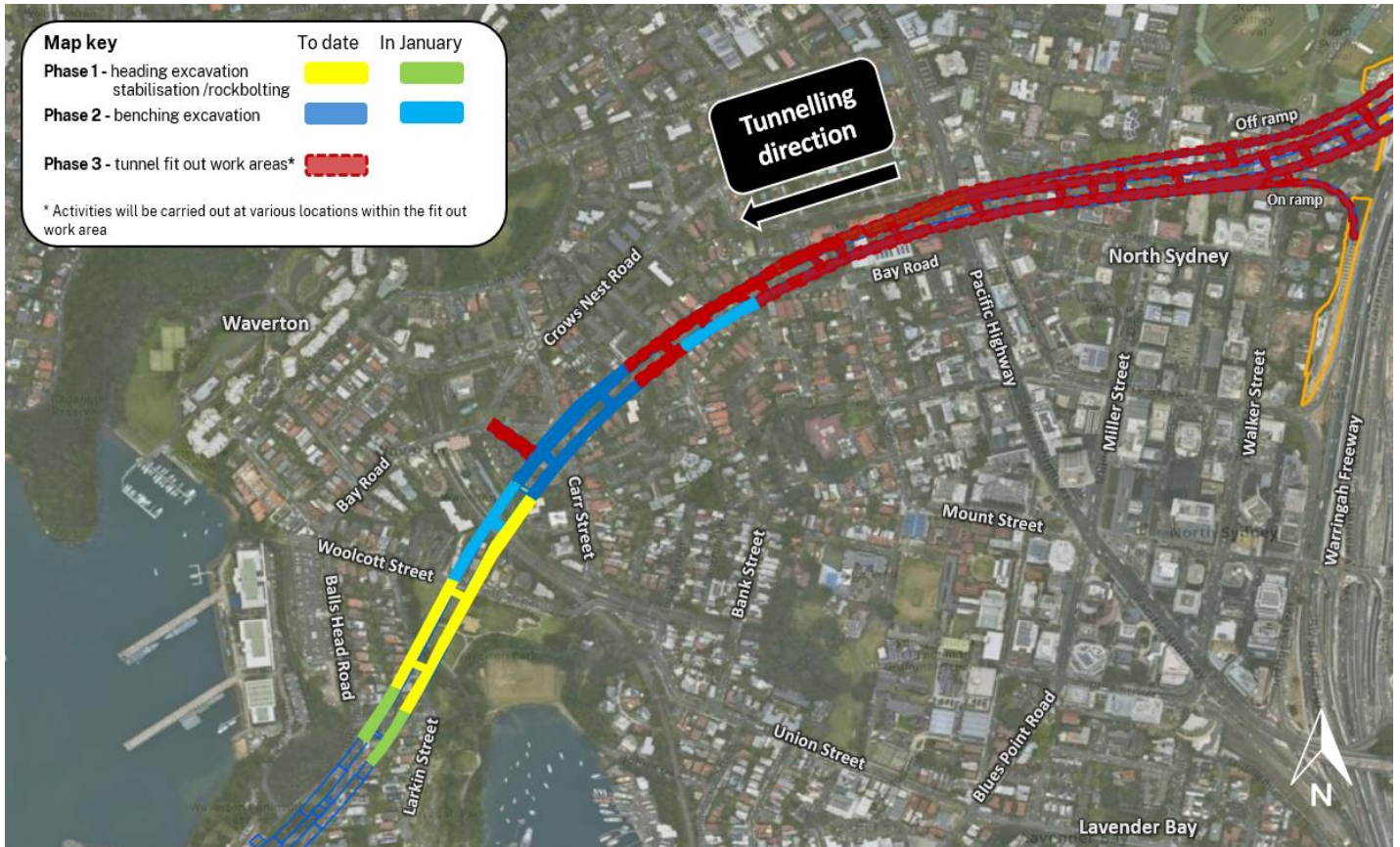
**Note:** during each phase of tunnelling, hammering may be required. This is an approved tunnelling activity.

### What will this mean for you?

Some residents and businesses along the tunnel alignment may experience ground-borne noise and vibration when tunnelling activities are being carried out. Each individual’s experience will vary due to a range of factors such as a property’s distance to the tunnel, ground conditions, building types, existing background noise, and materials used to build your property.

	<b>Where</b> Between Warringah Freeway in North Sydney and Balls Head Road, Waverton
	<b>When</b> Throughout January 2026
	<b>Hours of operation</b> 24 hours a day, seven days a week

## Location of work area



For noise management tips and further information on ground-borne noise and vibration, please visit our website using the QR code.



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