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# Newcastle Light Rail Construction notification

**Hunter Street to re-open to traffic between Auckland and Merewether streets before the end of this week**

The NSW Government is investing more than \$650 million through the Revitalising Newcastle program to transform Newcastle's city centre. Light rail is an important part of the Revitalising Newcastle program and will deliver frequent and reliable connections to key activity precincts in the city centre. Downer EDI is building light rail on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Major light rail construction on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets (zone 4) started in September 2017, with light rail services set to be running in early 2019. **Hunter Street will re-open to traffic between Auckland and Merewether streets before the end of this week.**

Safety barriers will remain in place around the track slab to allow installation of light rail track, construction of the Civic light rail stop, and testing of the signalling system and light rail vehicles. Other construction activities, including footpath upgrades, landscaping and laying the final road surface, will also take place.

## **Work to continue on Hunter Street between Merewether and Darby streets**

As part of the Newcastle Light Rail project, we are upgrading essential underground services. Working closely with Hunter Water, we have identified that deep sewer infrastructure on Hunter Street, near Darby Street, needs to be replaced. The existing infrastructure is about six metres below the road and dates back to 1909. Work will involve cutting large, deep pits and trenches into the road. To ensure work can be carried out safely, **Hunter Street will remain closed to traffic between Merewether and Darby streets.**

## **How long will the next stage of construction take?**

Work on Hunter Street between Auckland and Merewether streets will continue behind the safety barriers in the centre of the road in 2018. After this work is complete, we will start laying track on Hunter Street at the intersection of Auckland Street. The intersection will be closed to traffic while work takes place. We will provide more information to residents and businesses before this work starts.

Deep sewer work between Merewether and Darby streets will start in early 2018 and is expected to be finished in mid-2018, weather permitting.



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## Important changes in zone 4 from the end of this week

<b>Traffic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hunter Street will re-open to one lane of traffic in each direction between Auckland and Merewether streets before the end of this week. This section of Hunter Street will be suitable for vehicles up to 6 metres in length.</li><li>• Hunter Street between Merewether and Darby streets will remain closed to traffic. Detours will remain in place directing road users onto King Street at Auckland and Darby streets.</li><li>• Civic Lane will remain open for local traffic only, and can be accessed via Hunter Street and Wright Lane.</li></ul>
<b>Pedestrian</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The pedestrian crossing across Hunter Street at Merewether Street will re-open before the end of this week.</li><li>• Pedestrian access on each side of Hunter Street will be maintained throughout construction.</li></ul>
<b>Parking</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parking on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets has been permanently removed.</li><li>• The attached map shows nearby parking.</li></ul>
<b>Loading zones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The nearest loading zones are located on Hunter Street at both ends of the construction zone, Auckland and Darby streets, Civic Lane, Merewether Street and Centenary Road.</li></ul>
<b>Taxi zones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The taxi zone located at the former Civic Station will remain temporarily closed while construction is finished.</li></ul>
<b>Waste collection</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular Newcastle City Council waste collection services between Auckland and Merewether streets will resume before the end of this week. Please place your bin in its usual pick-up location.</li><li>• Bins between Merewether and Darby streets will be collected and taken to a central point for emptying and returned the following day. To ensure bins are collected, they must be placed on Hunter Street by 4.30pm the day before the usual collection day.</li></ul>
<b>Private driveway access</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to private driveways on Hunter Street between Auckland and Merewether streets will be available before the end of this week.</li><li>• Offset parking arrangements will remain in place for businesses on Hunter Street between Auckland and Darby streets while deep sewer upgrades are completed.</li></ul>

## Equipment

Construction equipment will include, but is not limited to, excavators, vacuum trucks, rod profilers, rock and concrete hammers, rollers, compactors, concrete saws, concrete pumps and trucks, asphalt pavers, trucks, light vehicles, lighting towers, grinding and welding equipment, elevated work platforms, winches and cable drums, front-end loaders, piling rigs, under bores, rail saws, generators, cranes, dewatering pumps and equipment, and hand tools.

## Thank you for your support

We understand building light rail has caused disruption for some businesses and residents near the construction zone. Thank you for your patience during this important work. We are looking forward to the long-term benefits Newcastle Light Rail is set to deliver to you and our city when in operation.



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