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Newcastle Light Rail Weekend work in zones 5 and 8 from 8 April 2018

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 is building light rail on behalf of Transport for NSW.

Deep sewer upgrades on Hunter and Scott streets started in early 2018 and involve digging large trenches and microtunnelling to replace deep sewer pipes.

To ensure work is completed as quickly as possible, **we will soon start working on Sundays in construction zone 5 and zone 8** (subject to approval), in addition to standard construction hours. Sunday work will include trenching and microtunnelling.

Due to the depth of the pits and trenches required, pumps will be used to remove groundwater and ensure the safety of our workers and the wider community. The pumps will run 24 hours a day.

Water removed by the pumps will be tested and treated, if required, before being discharged back into Newcastle City Council's stormwater system.

When will Sunday work take place?

Subject to approval, we will be working in zones 5 and 8 on **Sunday 8, 15 and 22 April** between **8am** and **6pm**, weather permitting.

Some night work may be required, and if so, will be subject to further approvals. We will notify nearby businesses and residents before any night work takes place.

What to expect during construction

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| Noise | <p>Work may be noisy at times. We will aim to minimise noise by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise barriers will be placed around pumps to help minimise noise • Scheduling the noisiest activities during the day, where possible • Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery (excluding delivery vehicles). |
| Dust | <p>We will aim to minimise dust by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using water carts to wet down work areas • Installing mesh hoarding • Avoiding dust generating work on windy days, wherever possible. |
| Vibration | <p>We will aim to minimise vibration by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning off machinery when not in use • Minimising the number of machines and equipment operating at any one time. |

Pedestrian and traffic changes

All work will be carried out in existing construction zones, so there will be no additional pedestrian or traffic changes for this work.

What equipment will be used?

Equipment to be used includes, but is not limited to, shoring boxes, treatment and pumping systems, microtunnelling equipment, generators, trucks, light vehicles, lighting towers, elevated work platforms and hand tools.

Thank you for your support

We are committed to keeping you updated and will continue to work with you as Newcastle Light Rail construction progresses. 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 once in operation.

The Newcastle Light Rail project team