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## Demolition update – 834 Hunter Street, Newcastle West

### The NSW Government is investing over \$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.

The first stage of demolition of the building at 834 Hunter Street, which included remediation work and removal of asbestos to allow demolition to be carried out safely, has been completed.

The second stage of work is expected to start on **26 February 2018** and will include the following night work:

- › Disconnection of power to the building and cabling work
- › Removal of awning and signs
- › Installation of protective hoarding and walkways around the site on Hunter Street and Stewart Avenue to maintain pedestrian access.

Once this work is completed, demolition of the building will start. Removal of the building will allow for road widening, intersection upgrades, utility upgrades, traffic signal changes, and upgrades to lighting infrastructure to take place in this area.

#### Will an outage be required?

A temporary power outage will be required to allow work to be carried out safely. The outage is scheduled for 26 February 2018 between 7pm and 2am, subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

**Residents and businesses affected by the outage will be provided more information from their service provider before the outage takes place.**

#### How long will it take?

Night work will be carried out between 7pm and 1am and is expected to take about three nights, subject to weather and other unforeseen circumstances.

Demolition work is expected to take up to four weeks. Work will be carried out between 7am and 6pm from Monday to Friday and between 8am and 6pm on Saturday.

Once demolition is completed, the protective hoarding will be removed at night to minimise impacts to traffic and pedestrians in the area.

## Pedestrian and traffic changes

Access to Beresford Lane from Cooper Street will be limited to local traffic during this work.

Temporary traffic controls, including lane closures, and pedestrian diversions will be required to ensure work can be carried out safely.

<b>What to expect during demolition</b>	
<b>Noise</b>	Work may be noisy at times. We will aim to minimise noise by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turning off machinery when not in use</li><li>• During the highest noise generating work, providing one hour break after every three hours of work</li><li>• Using non-tonal reversing beepers on all machinery (excluding delivery vehicles)</li><li>• Positioning noisy equipment as far away as possible from residents and businesses.</li></ul>
<b>Dust</b>	We will aim to minimise dust by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using water for dust suppression</li><li>• Installing scaffolding, barriers and mesh hoarding</li><li>• Avoiding dust generating work on windy days, wherever possible.</li></ul>
<b>Vibration</b>	Construction activities may generate vibration during site clearing and demolition. We will aim to minimise vibration by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turning off machinery when not in use</li><li>• Monitoring vibration during construction.</li></ul>

## What equipment will be used?

Equipment to be used includes, but is not limited to, excavators, concrete and rock breakers, cranes, trucks, vacuum trucks, light vehicles, concrete and demolition saws, generators, 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



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