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NorthConnex Urban Design and Landscape Plan consultation and Hills M2 Motorway noise wall installation

Dear Resident,

In accordance with the Minister's Conditions of Approval for the NorthConnex project, a draft Urban Design and Landscape Plan (UDLP) has been prepared for community consultation. This plan describes how the new design elements of the project will look and was developed based on the preliminary designs presented in the Environmental Impact Statement for the project.

The UDLP outlines the urban landscape and design principles for the project and provides ideas on the design of the noise walls, bridges, pedestrian routes and retaining walls along the project corridor.

Stage one of the UDLP is on public display till **30 November 2016**. Stage two of consultation will occur next year, and will include NorthConnex buildings such as the ventilation outlets, Motorway Operations Complex and service buildings.

Urban Design and Landscape Plan

The NorthConnex project presents an important and challenging opportunity to deliver excellence in architecture, urban and landscape design for motorways and public infrastructure.

The objectives of the UDLP are to:

- > Provide a safe facility for traffic, pedestrians and cyclists
- > Provide landmarks at selected places
- > Maintain existing neighbourhood connectivity and local access for local traffic
- > Aesthetically enhance the road facility and associated work and structures
- > Integrate new elements with existing work in a seamless way to fulfil design requirements
- > Improve existing environmental sustainability wherever possible
- > Enhance existing landscape and integrate new landscape both across and into the corridor
- > Continue the family of road elements and built forms already established
- > Enhance driver experience and the visual contribution to the built environment.

Please visit www.northconnex.com.au/UDLP to view the UDLP and for further details on display locations.

How do I provide comment?

To provide comment on the UDLP, email enquiries@northconnex.com.au, write to NorthConnex UDLP, Locked Bag 1001, West Pennant Hills, 2125 or visit the NorthConnex Community Information Centre at 118 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills NSW 2150.

All feedback will be taken into consideration and the community will be kept informed of the outcome of the urban design and landscape review process on the NorthConnex website.

Noise walls

As part of the Hills M2 Motorway widening work, NorthConnex is installing new permanent noise walls along the Hills M2 Motorway alignment to reduce the impact of traffic noise on local residents. The new noise walls are included in the draft UDLP.



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While community feedback is being sought on the proposed design of the new noise walls in the draft UDLP, including the colours and finishes, the height and location of the noise walls has been determined by independent noise consultants, Wilkinson and Murray Pty Ltd, following a detailed noise assessment.

As the height and location of the noise walls has already been determined, work to establish the foundations will start during the UDLP consultation period. We are carrying out this work before the draft UDLP is finalised to ensure residents receive the benefit of noise mitigation as soon as possible.

Feedback from the community on the colour, finish and design of the noise walls will be incorporated into the final design after the community consultation period.

Early work to build the noise walls

The noise wall closest to you will be built on the Hills M2 Motorway at North Rocks. This section of the noise wall will be installed parallel to the Motorway behind the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. A map of the area is attached.

In preparation for the installation of the new noise walls, vegetation clearing has been completed. Some early work will be carried out including trenching for drainage. Equipment to be used includes a small excavator, a small crane and hand tools.

Installing the noise walls

Installation of the noise walls, including posts and panels, will start after community consultation on stage one of the UDLP. This work will take about nine months to complete, weather permitting.

Work will take place from the temporary access from the Hills M2 Motorway and includes:

- > Installing posts and precast concrete noise preventing panels
- > Treating and painting the panels
- > Removing the old noise walls/temporary noise wall once the new walls are in place.

Equipment to be used includes

- > Hand tools
- > Franna cranes (small cranes)
- > Vacuum trucks
- > Excavators
- > Concrete saws
- > Concrete trucks.

Work hours

The majority of the work will be carried out during standard construction hours between **7am and 6pm Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm on Saturdays**. No work will be carried out on Sundays and public holidays.

To ensure the safety of workers and motorists, some work may be carried out at night and may be audible. These activities will be kept at a minimum and impacted residents will be notified in advance of night work occurring.

Changed traffic conditions

There will be intermittent lane closures as part of this work and traffic management and signage will be in place to ensure the safety of residents, motorists and workers. Please allow extra travel time and visit www.livetraffic.com, download Live Travel App or call the Transport Management Centre 132 701 for the latest information.

We thank you for your patience, and if you have any questions or complaints, please don't hesitate to call us on **1800 997 057**, email enquiries@northconnex.com.au or visit the NorthConnex Community Information Centre at 118 Yarrara Road, Pennant Hills, open weekdays from 9am to 5pm.

Yours sincerely,
NorthConnex Project Team

Work site – behind Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, North Rocks Road

