Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link - geotechnical investigations from 2 June 2017

The NSW Government is funding preferred route investigations including geotechnical testing for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Beaches Link.

Roads and Maritime Services carries out geotechnical testing to gather information about underground rock and soil conditions across a broad area. Data from this work will be used to inform the engineering design, final costings and a construction timeline.

A site identified by our geologists for test drilling is at Hardwood Place, Seaforth (see map over the page). Work at this site will start from the week of 2 June 2017 and will take around 7 days to complete, depending on ground conditions (weather permitting).

The work will take place between 7am and 6pm Monday to Friday and between 8am and 1pm on Saturday. There will be no work at night, on Sundays or on public holidays.

A temporary work site with safety fencing will be established to ensure community safety. When the work is completed, the hole will be filled in and the test site restored to its previous condition.

How will the work affect you?

There may be some noise associated with this work. We will minimise disturbance to the local community and operate in an environmentally sensitive and sustainable manner.

The location of these tests does not indicate a possible alignment and the work is designed to gather data about rock strata and conditions deep below ground.

Geotechnical testing involves drilling small diameter holes (about the size of an orange) to extract rock samples used for scientific testing and analysis. Equipment will include a self-propelled drilling rig, support equipment as well as various hand tools. A fact sheet is enclosed with this letter.

Traffic Impacts

To complete the work safely, partial lane closures will be required and traffic will be maintained in both directions under stop/slow traffic control. Traffic management will be in place when work is carried out to ensure the safety of motorists, residents and workers. This may include temporary diversions of the footpath near the work.

Contact

If you have any questions please contact our project team on 1800 789 297 during office hours (8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday) or motorwaydevelopment@rms.nsw.gov.au. Thank you for your patience during this important work.
Work area

Hardwood Place, Seaforth – geotechnical work site

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