Night work on Great Western Highway, Blackheath from Thursday 28 February

The Australian and New South Wales governments are upgrading the Great Western Highway between Katoomba and Lithgow to improve traffic flow, safety and travel conditions.

Utility relocations

Major work is continuing at Blackheath. Our contractor, Diona is progressing well with moving utility services for the upgrade. So far we have completed installing:
- new water mains along the Great Western Highway between Hat Hill Road and Gardners Crescent
- Endeavour Energy cables at the intersection of Govetts Leap Road and Great Western Highway
- Optus assets between Abbott Street and Leichhardt Street.

We will continue to carry out further investigation work and finish moving utility services in the coming months.

Work will involve investigation work, removing vegetation, digging in the road, footpath and road reserve, installing water mains at Govetts Leap Road intersection, laying asphalt on the roads, installing traffic lights, laying new pipes, mains or conduits and connecting to the existing network.

Our work schedule

To minimise the impact to road users and reduce the length of time to complete the project, from Thursday 28 February we will carry out work up to five nights per week during critical parts of the project.

At other times we will maintain our existing arrangement of working two nights a week.

Night work hours will be between 8pm and 5am, Monday to Friday. However, some weekend work may be required. We will notify the community in advance of any weekend work.
How will the work affect you?

While we are doing the work, a section of the traffic lane will be temporarily closed. Some parking spaces next to the work areas will also be temporarily unavailable. Access to driveways will be maintained, unless arrangements are made with residents in advance.

Work will be noisy and there will be an increase in vehicle movements. Traffic control will ensure the safety of workers and the community while we are working.

We will minimise the impact to the community by:
- installing noise blankets around excavations
- doing the noisiest activities earlier in the shift
- not carrying out noisy activities like saw cutting, jackhammering or rock breaking after midnight
- directing lighting away from residential properties
- temporarily restoring work areas to reduce noise from road plates

Traffic changes

There will be temporary traffic changes during our work hours to ensure the work zone is safe. Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times.

Please keep to speed limits and follow signs and traffic controllers’ directions. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

Access to Hargrave Street via the Great Western Highway will be closed between **Monday 4 March** and **Saturday 23 March**. Electronic signs will be in place along the Great Western Highway to notify motorists. Traffic will be diverted via Chelmsford Avenue and Prince George Street.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our delivery partner, Diona Pty Ltd, on 1800 035 733 or email K2Lupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on our projects, visit rms.nsw.gov.au.

We understand and appreciate this work is inconvenient to businesses and residents living close by, and sincerely thank you for your understanding and ongoing patience.