CITY WEST LINK NOISE WALLS TO BE REPAIRED

Liberal Duty MLC for Balmain Don Harwin announced today that Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) will soon start work to repair sections of the noise wall along City West Link and carry out landscaping to replace trees which caused some of the damage.

“The work will involve clearing around 220 trees which have branches and roots pushing against the wall between The Crescent at Annandale and Catherine Street at Lilyfield,” Mr Harwin said.

“The trees are not only causing damage, but branches hanging over the road pose a safety risk, reducing visibility for motorists.

“When repairs to the damaged noise wall panels are completed the trees will be replaced with species native to the area. Extensive landscaping will be carried out to improve the look of the area around the walls,” Mr Harwin said.

RMS asked for community feedback about replanting and landscaping options in 2011 and used it to complete an issues report and landscaping plan, which are available online.

The work will start early next month and take around three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

“To minimise disruption to traffic most of the work will be carried out at night, but some day work is also planned. RMS will confirm details about the work closer to the time.

“There will be some noise caused by the work, but RMS is liaising with local residents to keep them informed about the work and every effort will be made to minimise the impact.

“The project will not only improve road safety but maintain the effectiveness of the walls in reducing traffic noise from City West Link,” Mr Harwin said.

For more information about the project visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects

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