Re: Sydney Harbour Bridge tolling system and southern toll plaza precinct upgrades – review of environmental factors

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is improving and relocating the Sydney Harbour Bridge tolling system, and proposing to upgrade the southern toll plaza precinct to simplify traffic movements and improve bus access to the northern Sydney CBD.

The new toll collecting equipment will be located on the northern approach to the Sydney Harbour Bridge at North Sydney, on the existing electronic variable speed limit sign gantries south of the High Street overpass. Documents describing the potential impacts of the tolling system upgrade are on the RMS website: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) go to Road Projects.

Installation of new tolling equipment and systems based on current technology provides an opportunity to introduce free flowing tolling across multiple lanes as currently operates on most of the Sydney motorway network.

The proposal for community comment to remove the southern toll booths provides an opportunity to simplify traffic movements to the Western Distributor and northern Sydney CBD and also enables continuation of the bus lane from the Sydney Harbour Bridge to York Street and provides space for bus readiness bays for buses approaching York Street in the PM peak.

Community comments are being sought on a review of environmental factors that describes the southern toll plaza precinct upgrade proposal and its potential environmental impacts. The review is on display at:

- **North Sydney Council Chambers**, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney, Monday-Friday (9am – 5pm).
- **City of Sydney Council – One Stop Shop**, Level 1, 456 Kent Street, Sydney, Monday-Friday (8am – 6pm).
- **Roads and Maritime Services**, Level 9, 101 Miller Street, North Sydney, Monday-Friday (8am – 5pm).

Or visit the RMS website: [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au) go to Road Projects. **The display period closes on Friday 30 November 2012. Comments should be received by Friday 30 November 2012.**

Relocating the tolling equipment to the gantries on the northern approach to the bridge will require some lanes of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to be closed to general traffic at night. There will be noise from this work. To avoid traffic impacts we must work at night.

The community will be kept informed of planning in the bridge precinct and notified before work begins.

These projects are part of a program of works for the Sydney Harbour Bridge precinct – initiatives designed to look after, improve and adapt the bridge to the needs of a modern city, while preserving the character of the structure and its setting.

Yours faithfully

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