Dear resident / business operator

It is time to maintain the Sydney Harbour Bridge deck. To do this essential work, we will need to close the bridge to motorists for up to three weekends in January 2012.

This is the first time in 80 years we will strip back the road surface to the original concrete deck to carry out essential maintenance. The work will:

• create a smoother, quieter and more durable road surface.
• reduce the risk of corrosion and structural damage on the deck.
• reduce the need for reactive maintenance.
• rejuvenate the bridge which will be 80 years old on 19 March 2012.

The bridge will be closed to traffic

The bridge will be closed to general traffic for up to three weekends in January (13-16, 20-23, 27-30) from 10pm Friday until 5am Monday. We will waterproof and resurface lanes 1 to 6 and the southern and northern approaches to the bridge. Emergency vehicles will have access across the bridge. Buses, hire cars, motorcycles and taxis will still be able to use the bridge, however delays are still expected.

Why now?

The January holiday period normally has lower traffic volumes than at other times. Warm temperatures are also the best to apply a waterproof membrane so it can dry quickly.
Public transport will run as usual
If travelling to the city, catch a train. Buses and trains will continue to operate. Visitors to Festival of Sydney events and match-goers to the Sydney Cricket Ground, Sydney Football Stadium and Moore Park should leave the car at home and use public transport, as there will be significant delays.

Driving information
Where possible, motorists are advised not to drive because there will be extensive delays. If you choose to drive, the alternative routes to cross the harbour are King Georges Road, Ryde Bridge and Lane Cove Road; and Victoria Road, Gladesville Bridge and Centennial Avenue.

Clearway information
Clearways will be in operation on strategic corridors across Sydney to help manage traffic flow. The clearways extend to Beverly Hills in the south to Gordon in the north and Mosman in the east.

You are located near one of these clearways. Clearway and associated road closure maps are on the website. Clearways will be in place from 11 pm Friday to 5 am Monday on the weekends that the bridge is closed to traffic. Motorists are advised to check signs before parking as vehicles parked in a clearway will be towed to a place where they can be legally parked. A parking fine and towing fee will apply.

We will be doorknocking nearby residents and businesses. We encourage you to contact us if you have any questions. Alternatively, please visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au for further information. You can also register for SMS alerts on this website to receive up to date information on closures.

Walking or cycling on the bridge?
The bridge will remain open to pedestrians on the eastern side and cyclists on the western side. If using these pathways on these weekends, you may notice some odour from the waterproofing.

We appreciate your understanding and apologise for any inconvenience this essential work may cause.

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Yours faithfully
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