Tree clearing along Joyce Drive, between O’Riordan Street and General Holmes Drive, Mascot

The Australian and NSW Governments are upgrading roads in the Sydney Airport East precinct to improve traffic flow and access to the airport and Port Botany.

Since starting early work in January 2017, Roads and Maritime Services has carried out much of the vegetation removal required for the new road upgrade. We have removed trees in Botany Road near Wentworth Avenue, on both sides of General Holmes Drive, south of Joyce Drive, and in the Ascot Lodge area where we are establishing our site compound.

We will now carry out further trimming and removing of trees and vegetation on Joyce Drive. This will complete the vegetation removal required for the project. The work will involve:

- setting up traffic controls including temporary lane closures at night
- installing temporary fencing and environmental controls
- temporarily modifying pedestrian access
- establishing safe access for workers and vehicles
- removing overhead branches, trees and tree stumps.

We have included a map to show the location of work.

Work will be carried out from **Monday 13 March** until **Friday 24 March**, weather permitting. For the safety of workers and the public, and to minimise impact on traffic, some work will be carried out at night. There will be up to **10 shifts of night work** between **9pm and 5am**, weather permitting.

Some of this work will also be carried out during the day between **7am and 6pm** from **Monday to Friday** and **8am to 1pm** on **Saturday**.

**How will the work affect you?**

There may be some noise from this work. We will make every effort to minimise noise during night work by working at night only when necessary, attempting to complete the noisiest work before midnight and completing the work as quickly as possible to minimise disruption. We will also arrange the work in stages as we move around Joyce Drive.

Machinery and equipment used includes elevated work platforms, chain saws, lighting towers, excavators, trucks, mulching machines, light vehicles and hand tools.

**Traffic changes**

There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the area is safe for workers, pedestrians and motorists. Lane closures may be in place for the removal of overhead branches and this may affect travel times. Please keep to speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.
About vegetation removal on the Airport East precinct project

Roads and Maritime Services has carefully examined the potential impact of this project and outlined ways to manage and mitigate this impact.

The environmental assessment noted the vegetation removal does not include high ecological value, threatened ecological communities or threatened species. Only those trees necessary for the project are being removed. Where possible, trees within the project site are being retained and included in future landscaping.

Roads and Maritime will provide Sydney Airport with biodiversity offsets for all trees and vegetation removed along Joyce Drive. This means trees or vegetation of an equal ecological value will be replanted once the project is complete. This planting will occur either as part of replanting in the new road area, or on other parts of Sydney Airport land.

Vegetation removed will be mulched onsite. We will attempt to retain native mulch on the project site to reuse for erosion and sediment controls and future landscaping. Mulch that we are unable to reuse will be disposed of at licensed facilities.

Location of work

Contact

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact the project team on 1300 862 844 or comms.airporteast@jhg.com.au. For more information on this project, visit rms.nsw.gov.au/sydneyairport.

Thank you for your patience while we complete this important work.

A weekly schedule of upcoming work is available online and emailed to registered stakeholders every Friday. If you would like to receive this schedule, please email comms.airporteast@jhg.com.au.