Night work on Great Western Highway, Blackheath from Monday 17 June 2019

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. Work is progressing well with moving utility services and traffic lights for the upgrade. We have now installed:

- new water mains along the Great Western Highway between Hargraves Street and Govetts Leap Road
- stormwater pipes along the Great Western Highway
- traffic light poles at Govetts Leap Road intersection

We have also started laying asphalt on the Great Western Highway between Abbott Street and Hat Hill Road.

Upcoming work will include:

- installing stormwater pits and pipes at Gardiner Crescent and Hat Hill Road
- removing redundant water mains along the Great Western Highway and connecting new mains
- installing kerb and guttering along sections of the Great Western Highway.

Our work schedule

To minimise the impact to road users and reduce the length of time to complete the project, from Monday 17 June 2019 we will carry out work up to five nights per week from Sunday night to Saturday morning between 8pm and 5am.

There will only be a maximum of five night shifts in any given week. We will only work Friday nights if we missed shifts during the week, or due to requirements from the utility providers.

The weather in the area is now too cold to carry out asphalting work. We expect to resume asphalting work in September.

How will the work affect you?

While we are working, a section of the traffic lane will be temporarily closed. Additionally some local roads may also need to temporarily close. Some parking spaces next to the work areas will be temporarily unavailable.

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We will maintain access to driveways, unless we contact you in advance to make arrangements.

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

We will minimise the impact to the community by:

- completing the noisiest activities earlier in the shift
- not carrying out noisy activities like saw cutting, jackhammering or rock breaking after midnight, unless required to do so during connection of new water mains to the Sydney Water network
- 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.

Between **Wednesday 19 June** and **Friday 2 August 2019** access to Abbott Street from the Great Western Highway will be restricted to one lane with limited entry for heavy vehicles. Traffic control measures will be in place to ensure residents can exit and enter Abbott Street.

Access to Hargraves Street via the Great Western Highway will remain closed until the end of July 2019.

Electronic signs will be in place along the Great Western Highway to notify motorists of these changes.

Please keep to speed limits, 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.

**Contact**

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

We understand and appreciate our work can be inconvenient and sincerely thank you for your understanding and ongoing patience.