NorthConnex will deliver significant benefits to local communities by easing congestion on Pennant Hills Road, putting more than 5,000 trucks a day underground and returning local streets to local communities.

Environmental Impact Statement Public Exhibition

The NSW and Federal Governments, Transurban and the Westlink M7 shareholders are planning to construct and operate a tolled motorway linking the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga to the Hills M2 Motorway at West Pennant Hills (NorthConnex).

NorthConnex is being assessed under Part 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and has been declared State Significant Infrastructure and Critical State Significant Infrastructure.

The NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) has placed the NorthConnex Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on public exhibition, from 15 July 2014. Written submissions should be sent to the DP&E and will be received during the public exhibition period.
Key features

NorthConnex includes twin motorway tunnels around nine kilometres in length with two lanes and an additional breakdown lane in each direction. The tunnels would have an increased height clearance of 5.3 metres and a speed limit of 80 km/h.

Project features:

- Motorway would be built with capacity for a third lane in each direction if required in the future
- Northern interchange with Pennant Hills Road and the M1 Pacific Motorway
- Southern interchange with Pennant Hills Road and the Hills M2 Motorway
- Integration work with the Hills M2 Motorway including the provision of a new westbound lane on the Hills M2 Motorway from Pennant Hills Road to the Windsor Road interchange
- Tie-in works connecting tunnel on and off-ramps to the existing M1 Pacific Motorway, extending to the north of Edgeworth David Avenue
- A motorway control centre, ventilation outlet and associated facilities located near the southern interchange
- A northern ventilation outlet located within the M1 Pacific Motorway corridor and associated facilities
- Switching station on Coral Tree Drive
- Two mid-tunnel support facilities including an air intake system, emergency smoke extraction and substation
- Modifications to local roads including widening of Eaton Road near the southern interchange and repositioning of the Hewitt Avenue cul-de-sac near the northern interchange.
**Project information**

The NorthConnex EIS is available on the project website at www.northconnex.com.au.

View the project information and speak with the project team at one of the following community drop-in sessions:

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**Air quality public forum**

The project team will be hosting a topic specific public forum on air quality

*Additional locations where the EIS document can be viewed are provided on the project website www.northconnex.com.au*

**EIS display locations**

- **Department of Planning and Environment**
  23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney

- **The Hills Shire Council**
  3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills

- **Hornsby Shire Council**
  296 Pacific Highway, Hornsby

- **Ku-ring-gai Council**
  818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

- **Roads and Maritime Head Office North Sydney**
  Level 9, 101 Miller Street, North Sydney

- **Nature Conservation Council of NSW**
  Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

- **Turramurra Library**
  5 Ray Street, Turramurra

- **Hornsby Central Library**
  28 - 44 George Street, Hornsby

- **Pennant Hills Library**
  Corner Ramsey Road and Yarra Road, Pennant Hills

- **Epping Library**
  Chambers Court, Epping

- **Baulkham Hills Library**
  Railway Street, Baulkham Hills
NorthConnex welcomes your feedback on the EIS.

DP&E requests that your submission includes:

- Your name and address. All submissions will be posted on DP&E’s website. If requested, your name can be removed to protect your privacy but you must state this in your submission
- Whether you support or object to the project or if you are just providing comment
- Disclosure if you or an associate have made a political donation of $1000 or more during the past two years.

Written submissions must be received during the public exhibition period.

If you would like further information, to register to receive project updates, would like to provide feedback or discuss the project, you can contact the project team by email enquiries@northconnex.com, or call the project information line (free call) 1800 997 057.

NorthConnex Indicative project dates

- **Sept 2013**: State Significant Infrastructure Application
- **Oct 2013**: Director General provides environmental assessment requirements
- **Nov 2013**: Submission of three competitive tenders
- **Mar 2014**: Government announcement of preferred scheme and public display
- **July 2014**: Environment Impact Statement public exhibition period
- **Sep 2014**: Submission analysis and reporting
- **Late 2014**: Project approval target
- **Late 2014**: Construction contract finalised
- **Early 2015**: Construction starts
- **Mid 2015**: Tunnelling work starts
- **Late 2015**: Hills M2 Motorway integration work starts
- **2019**: Tunnel open to traffic