

Extension of standard construction work hours during COVID – 19 pandemic

We are extending the standard construction hours on the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project to support the construction industry and facilitate social distancing guidelines for workers to allow work to progress.

What are we doing?

The NSW Government has introduced new rules under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Order 2020 to allow construction sites to operate on **weekends** and **public holidays** to support the industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. These new construction hours will come into effect for the project on **Saturday 2 May 2020**.

Standard construction hours for the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project were:

- **Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm**
- **Saturdays from 8am to 1pm.**

The new construction hours for the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project will be:

- **Monday to Sunday (including public holidays) from 7am to 6pm**

These new construction hours will come into effect on **Saturday 2 May 2020** and be in place until further NSW Government notice.

How will the work affect you?

Extending our standard work hours supports our workers to facilitate social distancing guidelines while keeping the project progressing and allowing our activities to be spread across more days of the week.

We will not be carrying out high noise generating activities such as rock breaking, rock hammering, and pile driving or similar activities during these new construction hours on weekends and public holidays.

During this period of extended construction hours the project will also take all feasible and reasonable measures to minimise the impact of other noise-generating works, including limiting high-noise activities on weekends to between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays only.

We understand that there are greater numbers of people working and studying from home, and are unable to leave their home to avoid construction noise. Please contact our project team on **1800 870 119** if you would like to discuss the extended work hours and the mitigation measures we are putting in place.

Our response to COVID-19

In NSW, the construction and development sector makes up almost 10 per cent of the state's economy, introducing the extended hours on this project will enable continued productivity.

In line with NSW Health advice, the Batemans Bay Bridge replacement project team has implemented a number of measures to support the health and safety of staff while the project progresses.

These measures include reducing staff travel between project sites, the introduction of staggered shift starts and meal breaks where appropriate and updating all workers on evolving public health advice daily.

Transport for NSW is following the direction of NSW Health and is proactively addressing the situation as it evolves with expert advice from health and operational professionals.

Our priority will always be the wellbeing and safety of the community and our workers and we thank the community for their understanding during this challenging time.

For more information on the project or if you have any questions or complaints, please contact our project team



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