

Community Agreement

Increase of night work from Monday 13 July until completion of earthworks

Georgiou Group on behalf of Transport NSW and the NSW Government is delivering the Mona Vale Road upgrade project. In early 2020 Transport, Georgiou Group consulted with residents in the area about 2 options for extending night work from the current three nights per week to 4 nights per week with a respite week (i.e. 12 nights within a 4 week period) or 4 nights per week without a respite week (i.e. 16 nights within a 4 week period) or maintaining the current 3 nights per week (i.e. 10 nights within a 4 week period).

A substantial majority of the community that responded agreed to an increase of night work (85 percent of respondents). The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) acknowledged that Georgiou Group undertook reasonable and feasible efforts towards engaging with the community and demonstrated multiple methods of engagement including the pop-up stall at Pittwater mall. The EPA therefore approved the proposed Community Agreement, subject to a 6-week trial period (see details below).

What did the majority of respondents agree to?

Based on the community agreement numbers, 78% of respondents supported “Option 2” (four nights a week with no respite week).

This means that we can complete a greater amount of work each week and we have greater flexibility in arranging work across the five rock cuttings. It is expected that this will reduce the overall night work program for rock breaking by eight weeks.

Noise and light Mitigation

Noise mitigations will be implemented in accordance with the project’s Noise and Vibration Management Plan. For earthworks we will use excavators with rock hammers, rippers, tipper trucks, vacuum trucks, road saws, a roller, street sweepers, light vehicles and light towers during our excavation work. No rock crushing will take place at night. During night work we aim to direct light away from residential properties and turn off equipment and vehicles when not in use.

Residents who may be heavily impacted by the out of hours work and are eligible for alternative accommodation will be notified 24 hours before the work.

Trial period

Under the trial, Georgiou Group will be required to cease works after 6 weeks and be required to conduct a community agreement review. The review will require Georgiou to contact highly and moderately impacted residents to seek their opinion, on whether the agreement should continue. Georgiou may commence review activities after 4 weeks of the 6 week trial period have been completed.

A substantial majority of highly to moderately impacted residents must agree to the agreement continuing, otherwise works will not be permitted to recommence and the community agreement will be considered to be terminated. The contractor may however negotiate a replacement agreement.