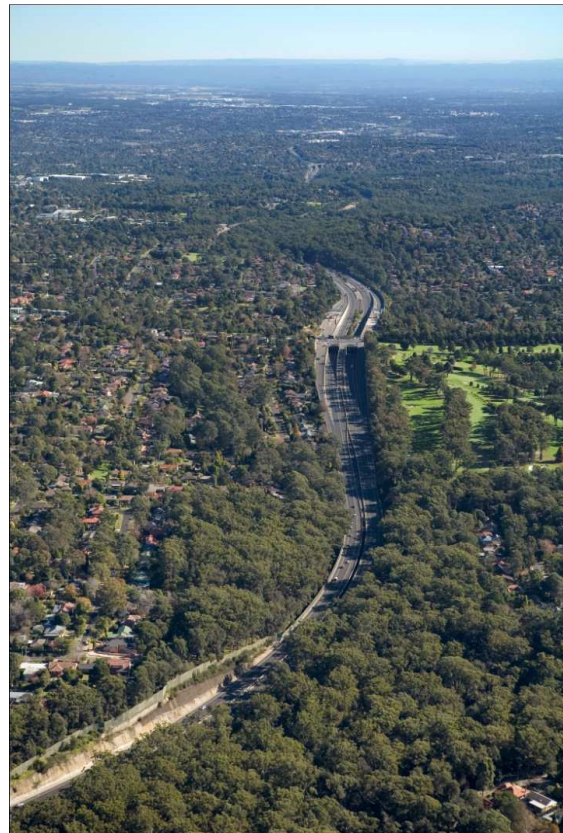


Devlins Creek bridgeworks

March 2011

As part of the Hills M2 Upgrade the motorway will be widened to provide one extra lane in each direction over Devlins Creek Bridge.

This information sheet will be updated as further information becomes available.



An aerial photograph of Devlins Creek Bridge

Questions and answers

Q: Why does Devlins Creek Bridge need to be modified?

A: To accommodate the M2 Upgrade the motorway will be widened to provide one extra lane in each direction. After construction is complete there will be three general traffic lanes and a bus lane in each direction over Devlins Creek.

Q: How will the modification be done?

A: The additional lanes will be achieved by extending the bridge to the south and connecting the existing east and westbound structures together. The new piers and abutments will be constructed and connected to the existing structure to form a new bridge deck.



**Hills M2 Upgrade
breakdown safety**

In the case of breakdown:

- Stay in your vehicle
- Switch on your hazard lights
- Call 1800 196 266
- Wait for assistance

Q: How long will it take to modify Devlins Creek bridge and when would work begin?

A: Work on the bridge is scheduled to start in March 2011. The work will take approximately two years to complete.

Q: What changes will the local community be likely to experience during construction?

A:

- Night works - due to high traffic volumes during the day and for safety reasons, bridge work will be carried out at night regularly (separate notifications will be issued to residents potentially affected by night work).
- Traffic control –barriers and speed reductions will be in place.
- Closure of public walking tracks under Devlins Creek Bridge during the construction period.
- Noise and vibration may be experienced from the intermittent use of the following equipment both on and under Devlins Creek bridge, including:
 - Jack hammers.
 - Concrete saws.
 - Excavators and loaders.
 - Piling rigs.
 - Demolition equipment.
 - Line marking machines.
 - Trucks.
 - Asphalt laying machines.
 - Concreting equipment eg. pumps, trucks.

Q: How will construction vehicles access the work area under Devlins Creek Bridge?

A: To reduce impacts on the local community, construction access to and from the work area will be directly from the M2 Motorway. Access and car parking off Allerton Road is no longer being considered.

Q: How does the project team plan to manage traffic over the bridge during construction?

A: Traffic management has already implemented on the Devlins Creek Bridge, this includes narrowing and realigning traffic lanes and a reduced speed limit of 80 km/h. Changes will be advised on the project website and advertised in local newspapers.

Q: What about pedestrian and cyclist access?

A: As soon as work begins, the public walking tracks will be closed for safety reasons during periods when construction activities are being undertaken. Outside of normal construction hours and on public holidays, safety conditions permitting, a track will be re-opened for public use. Closures will be communicated to various bushwalking groups and signs erected on site in advance to indicate when the tracks are closed. Please see the map below for the suggested detour.



Q: When was the community told about the need to modify Devlins Creek Bridge?

A: The need to modify the bridge was identified in the *M2 Upgrade Environmental Assessment May 2010* and presented to the local community through information sessions held as part of the consultation process for the public exhibition of the environmental assessment.

Q: When will we find out more about what is happening?

A: The project team will keep the community informed as work proceeds. This information sheet will be updated as further information becomes available.

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