

## **Frequently Asked Questions - Erskine Park Road Upgrade, Erskine Park**

The Australian Government is funding a \$200 million Local Roads Package as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Plan. Funding has now been allocated for Penrith City Council to improve road safety and traffic flow efficiency at key intersections along Erskine Park Road.

### **What are the key features of the project?**

Erskine Park Road will be widened to a four lane dual carriageway between Bennett Road and Explorers Way to join the existing four lane sections towards the M4 Motorway and Swallow Drive. Four intersections will be up graded along Erskine Park Road:

- Erskine Park Road and Bennett Road – installation of new traffic signals
- Erskine Park Road and Peppertree Drive – upgrade to a new seagull intersection
- Erskine Park Road and Coonawarra Drive – upgrade to a new seagull intersection
- Erskine Park Road and Explorers Way – installation of new traffic signals

New shared user paths will be constructed between Coonawarra Drive and Illawarra Drive.

### **When will work on the Erskine Park Road Upgrade be completed?**

The Erskine Park Road Upgrade will be completed by mid-2020, weather permitting.

### **Access**

### **Why are pedestrian paths and laneways closed along Erskine Park Road?**

With changed traffic conditions and construction equipment now operating, it is not safe to maintain the current footpaths and laneway access points along Erskine Park Road.

## **How will I be affected by these changes?**

Pedestrian safety is a key priority and pedestrian crossings through construction zones are strongly discouraged. For safe crossing of Erskine Park Road, pedestrians and cyclist should use the signalised Swallow Drive crossing point until the works in those zones are completed. The detours in place will provide a much safer journey.

## **Public Transport**

### **How will the bus services be impacted?**

All existing bus routes will remain in operation during the construction phase.

Temporary closures of the bus stop on Erskine Park Road (near Omega Place and Halifax Court) will be in place for the entire construction phase. Alternate bus stops are located nearby on Bennett Road and Peppertree Drive.

The construction contractor will continue to consult with the bus operator and Transport for NSW during construction to minimise disturbance and impacts on bus operations. The community will be informed of all impacts and changes before they happen.

## **Noise**

### **How will construction noise be managed?**

Roads and Maritime require construction contractors to use noise management measures as set out in the Roads and Maritime Environment Noise management standards and guidelines.

Noisy construction will be managed under these guidelines to reduce the impact on the community. In addition, local residents will be given notice in advance of any planned noisy or night work.

### **Are there any noise barriers being constructed?**

There are no noise barriers being constructed.

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and traffic efficiency at intersections along Erskine Park Road and to improve accessibility for the St Clair and Erskine Park communities. There is currently no scope to mitigate the existing traffic noise within this project.

The RMS (Roads and Maritime Services) currently operates a noise abatement program which addresses existing traffic noise impacts from State and Federal roads in NSW. The Noise Abatement Program is funded by the NSW Government and is delivered by Roads and Maritime Services. The Noise Abatement Program provides noise mitigation treatment for homes and places such as schools, hospitals and churches where there is very high traffic noise. Further details of this program can be found at <https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/about/environment/reducing-noise/noise-abatement-program.html>, or by contacting RMS on 131 782.

## Traffic changes

### How will traffic be impacted?

Temporary traffic changes, including speed limit reductions and some night time lane closures will be in place at different stages during construction.

Traffic changes will be in place to ensure the work zones are safe for road users and workers. The speed limit on Erskine Park Road between Chameleon Drive and Swallow Drive has been reduced to 60 km/h, 24 hours a day, seven days a week until project completion.

Erskine Park Road near Explorers Road may also require a reduced speed limit to 60km/h commencing early 2019.

Speed limits will be reduced to 40 km/h during any night work.

## Construction hours

### What are the standard construction hours?

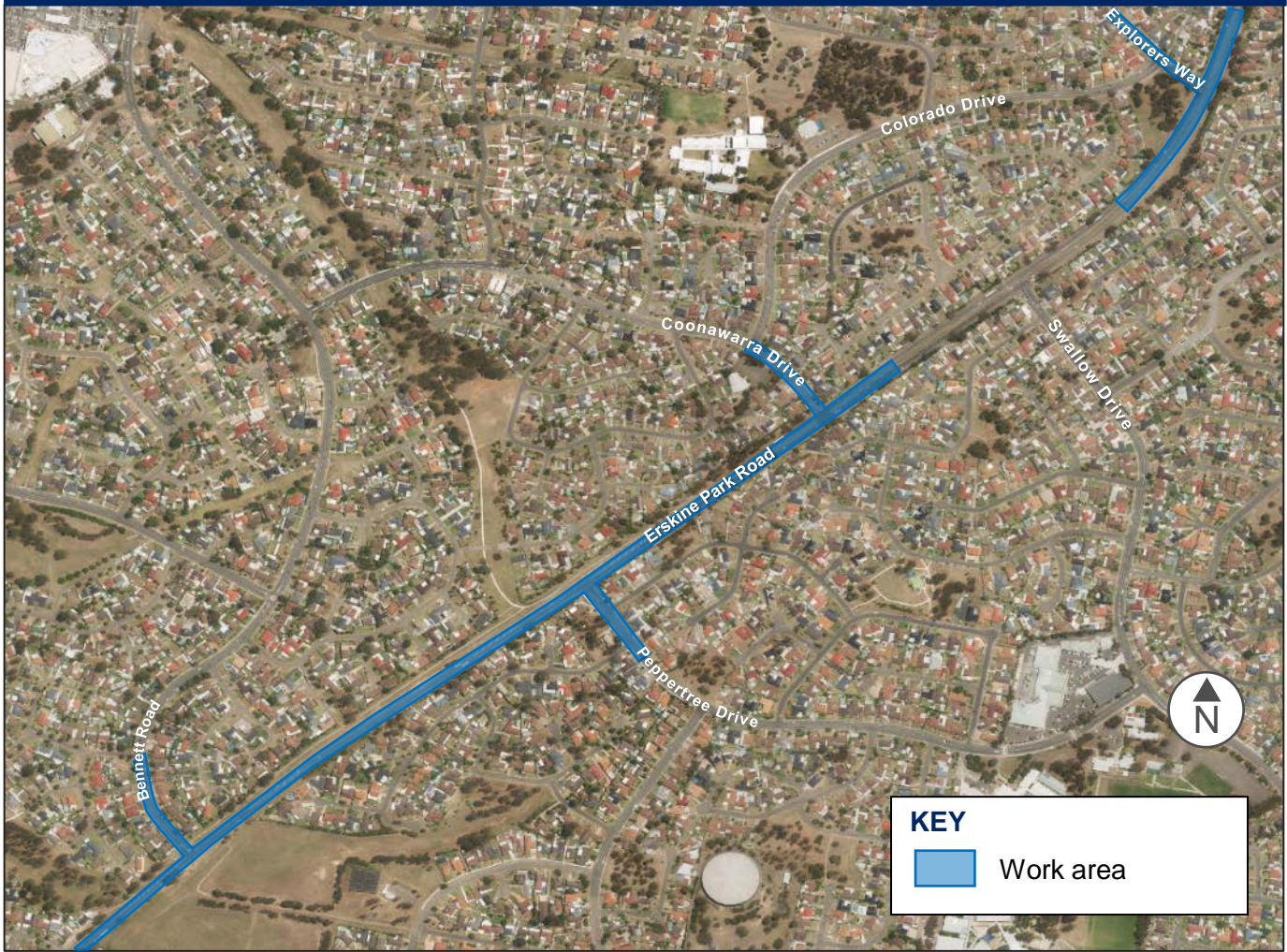
Work will be carried out during standard construction hours between **7.00am** and **6.00pm** from **Monday** to **Friday** and between **8.00am** and **1.00pm** on **Saturday**. We will notify you of any work outside these standard hours.

## Contact

If you have any questions, please contact our Delivery Partner, Burton Contractors on 1800 549 597 or [ErskineParkRd@burtoncontractors.com.au](mailto:ErskineParkRd@burtoncontractors.com.au)

Thank you for your patience during this important work.

## Location of Work



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