

Tunnelling Work Notification

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Sydney Metro is Australia's biggest public transport project.

The NSW Government is delivering Sydney Metro West – a new underground metro railway which will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, link new communities to rail services and support employment growth and housing supply.

John Holland CPB Contractors Ghella Joint Venture (JCG) has been awarded the contract to deliver 3.5 kilometres of twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays and Hunter Street and excavate the Pyrmont and Hunter Street metro stations.

Tunnelling in your area: Pyrmont

Two Tunnel Boring Machines (TBMs) are being used to excavate the twin metro rail tunnels between The Bays in Rozelle and Hunter Street CBD. These TBMs will travel beneath or near your property to build the tunnels for Sydney Metro West. Tunnels in this area are between 22 to 34 metres below ground.

The first TBM, named Jessie is currently tunnelling in your area and is expected to continue tunnelling under or near your property intermittently over the next one to five weeks.

A second TBM, named Ruby has commenced tunnelling from The Bays site, the machine is excavating at Johnstons Bay and is expected to tunnel under or near your property from March 2025. After the TBMs have passed, cross passages will be excavated at regular intervals between the rail tunnels. We will provide an update ahead of this work happening.

Stay up to date

You can track the progress of the TBMs tunnelling journey at:

<https://www.sydneymetro.info/sydney-metro/journey-sydney-metro-west-tunnel-boring-machines>.

Sign up to TBM tunnelling e-updates and stay informed on the latest tunnelling progress by emailing your request to:

MetroTunnelsJCGJV@transport.nsw.gov.au

Tunnelling work activities

- Excavating rock, installing the permanent lining of the tunnel and concrete work
- Excavated TBM material is mixed with fluid to create a slurry which is pumped back through the tunnel in pipes to The Bays site to be treated.
- Tunnelling support will be provided by The Bays station site including storage of excavated material, slurry treatment to separate the water from the excavated material and water treatment.
- Excavated material will be removed via trucks from The Bays station site.

Work Hours

- Tunnelling work may occur 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

What to expect

- Some vibration and ground borne noise may be experienced for up to seven days as the TBMs travel beneath or near your property.
- The noise is less noticeable during the day when traffic, household or office noise levels are higher.
- You may notice tunnelling surveyors taking readings from ground monitoring devices previously installed, located on roadways, footpaths and buildings in your area.

Tunnelling in your area



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