Project update – Installation of two permanent electronic message signs on Heathcote Road, Lucas Heights

The NSW Government is considering this proposal as part of its $300 million Urban Roads Pinch Points Program, which aims to reduce congestion and improve travel time on Sydney’s busiest corridors.

Roads and Maritime Services sought feedback from key stakeholders in November 2016 on a proposal to install two variable message signs (VMS”) on Heathcote Road, Lucas Heights. We thank everyone who took the time to consider the proposal and provide comments.

We received feedback from the Sutherland Shire Council supporting the proposal. After reviewing feedback, we have decided to proceed with the project without change.

The proposed locations for two permanent electronic message signs on Heathcote Road, included:
- 375m north of the intersection of New Illawarra Road to provide eastbound road users with advance notice of planned and unplanned incidents on the Princes Highway
- 235m south of the intersection of New Illawarra Road to provide westbound road users with advance notice of planned and unplanned incidents on the M5 Motorway.

We have included a map to help explain the locations of the proposed permanent electronic message signs.

What happens next?
The work will include:
- Excavating ground and putting in foundations
- Installing the electronic signs
- Installing safety guard rails
- Trenching and installing power and telecommunications cables
- Testing the signs.

In the first instance, we would need to carry out early field work to help us develop a final design. This includes investigating ground conditions and locating underground utilities at the proposed sites.

This work will take 36 shifts to complete between Monday 12 December and Monday 13 March 2017, excluding weekends and public holidays, weather permitting.

There will be no work during the holiday season between Wednesday 21 December and Tuesday 10 January 2017. Our working hours will be from 7am to 5pm and 9pm to 5am.
**How will the work affect you?**
There will be some noise associated with this work. We will make every effort to minimise its impact, including completing noisier work before **11pm**.

**Traffic changes**
There will be some temporary traffic changes to ensure the work zone is safe.

Lane closures will be in place and may affect travel times. Please keep to the speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. For the latest traffic updates, you can call 132 701, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.

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Thank you for your patience during this important work.