Aberfeldie drainage improvement project

Due to a delay in the commencement of work on Vida Street, difficult ground conditions and a restricted time period for work on Buckley Street, we will be increasing our working hours Friday, 20 November 2015 on Vida Street until the end of January 2016. We will work Saturday 7am to 6pm, and 7am to 8pm on weekdays when necessary. These changes will support us in completing our works on Buckley Street prior to school resuming on 28 January, 2016.

Construction activity update – Vida Street

The closure of Vida Street to through traffic and associated traffic detours are now in place. Acoustic fencing was installed before construction activity took place. We have completed the piling and excavation works and expect the shaft to be completed in the next few days.

The next phase of construction activity is due to start week commencing 23 November 2015 and is expected to be completed by early January. This will involve tunnelling under Vida Street towards Buckley Street. Compared to our previous works, we expect noise levels to be reduced during the tunnelling process. The tunnelling operation will have some constant noise and regular deliveries of pipe and truck movements for removal of spoil.

Why do you need to work longer hours?

We are working to very tight timeframes on Buckley Street due to restrictions to complete our works within the school holiday period from 5 December 2015 to 27 January 2016. When we reassessed our current program we recognised it was essential for us to increase our working hours in Vida Street to achieve our schedule on Buckley Street.

To support this timeline, it is essential that the tunnelling machine from Vida Street reaches Buckley Street in early January. Once the tunnelling machine reaches Buckley Street we will return to working normal hours at our Vida Street site (Monday to Friday 7am to 6pm, Saturday 7am to 1pm).

Christmas and New Year break – 24 December 2015 to 3 January 2016

Between 24 December and 3 January we will only work Tuesday 29 December, Wednesday 30 December and Thursday 31 December (inclusive) 7am to 6pm. This work
is required to complete some maintenance works and ensure the tunnel boring machine remains operational.

There will be no works occurring on the weekends and public holidays during this period. Normal work activities will resume on Monday, 4 January 2016.

**Buckley Street works**

From Saturday 5 December we will begin working in Buckley Street in the east bound lane between Vida and Hedderwick Streets. Two way traffic flow will be maintained on Buckley Street during our works with a reduced speed limit and traffic controllers available to assist drivers and pedestrians. Please allow extra time while travelling in the area.

We are working to very tight timeframes to complete our works on Buckley Street due to restrictions to complete works within the school holiday period from 5 December 2015 to 27 January 2016. To ensure that this work is completed on time we will be working in Buckley Street:

- 5 December to 23 December, Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm
- 4 January to 27 January, Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm and Sunday 8am to 6pm

**What will I notice?**

**Noise:** Acoustic fencing has been placed around the work area to assist reduce the impacts of noise. The placement of machines has been planned, where possible, to maximise the distance from surrounding residents while generators on site are enclosed in containers designed to reduce noise output.

**Parking:** there will be no on street parking where the works are taking place. Certain areas may be blocked with bollards in preparation for the next day’s construction works.

**Vibration:** we are undertaking vibration monitoring at select locations and times during the works to verify predictions and provide information to the construction team.

**Dust:** dust is being managed on site with water carts, monitoring and street cleaning.

**Footpaths:** footpaths remain open but may often be reduced in size or diverted slightly to ensure the safety of our workers and the community. Please follow the signage and instructions of traffic controllers.

**Increased traffic:** there are additional cars, trucks, machinery and materials being delivered in and around our work site. We encourage drivers to allow extra time when travelling in the area.

**Decreased street parking availability:** street parking has been removed where necessary and when we are working in the area and on streets of bus detours to allow buses to safely move through the streets.

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