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#### **Terms and Definitions**

| Term         | Definition   |
|--------------|--|
| CBD          | Central Business District                                  |
| CCS          | Community Communications Strategy                          |
| GLC          | Gamuda Australia and Laing O'Rourke Consortium             |
| MSF          | Maintenance and Stabling Facility (Clyde)                  |
| OCCS         | Sydney Metro Overarching Community Communications Strategy |
| SBOEP        | Small Business Owners Engagement Plan                      |
| SMW          | Sydney Metro West  |
| SOP          | Sydney Olympic Park  |
| Sydney Metro | Sydney Metro - Transport for New South Wales               |
| TBM          | Tunnel Boring Machine                                      |
| VMS          | Variable Messaging Signs                                   |
| WTP          | Sydney Metro West – Western Tunnelling Package             |



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### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Project description

The NSW Government is delivering Sydney Metro West - a new underground metro railway which will double rail capacity between Parramatta and the Sydney CBD, with a target travel time of about 20 minutes between the two centres.

Sydney Metro has been granted planning approval to construct twin underground rail tunnels between Westmead and Hunter Street in the Sydney CBD for Sydney Metro West.

Gamuda Australia and Laing O'Rourke Consortium (GLC) has been awarded the contract to deliver nine kilometres of twin metro rail tunnels between Westmead and Sydney Olympic Park, excavation for two new metro stations, a stabling and maintenance facility at Clyde and a precast facility at Eastern Creek.

#### 1.2 Purpose

This Small Business Owners Engagement Plan (SBOEP) describes the approach GLC will take to engage with small business owners located near the Sydney Metro Western Tunnelling Package (WTP) works generally within 50 metres of the construction sites. It is noted that there are no small businesses in proximity to the WTP precast facility at Eastern Creek.

This plan is intended to meet the Minister's Condition of Approval D70 under SSI 10038, which requires a Small Business Owners Engagement Plan(s) to be implemented in accordance with the Sydney Metro Overarching Community Communications Strategy (OCCS) to minimise impact on small businesses adjacent to major construction sites during construction. The SBOEP must be prepared and submitted to the Planning Secretary for information before construction at the relevant construction site.

Consistent with the OCCS, this Plan describes how GLC will engage with small business properties within 50 metres of the Parramatta site. Although, there are no small businesses within 50 metres of Westmead or Clyde and only one at Sydney Olympic Park, this plan also describes how GLC will engage with small businesses within proximity to these sites.

For the purposes of this Plan, a small business is defined as a business that employs fewer than 20 employees (source Australian Bureau of Statistics).

# 1.3 Objectives

The objectives of this plan are to:

- Establish the consultative approach that GLC will take to minimise project impacts on small businesses by incorporating specific needs and requirements
- Ensure all small businesses adjacent to the works are identified early and that the project team gains a clear understanding of any unique requirements
- Provide information that may be used to support identified small businesses during construction
- Detail the approach GLC will use to engage with small business owners and understand the impacts on these businesses from construction work





 Provide a mechanism for small businesses to inform GLC if they are being adversely impacted and for GLC to minimise or eliminate these impacts by addressing the cause through investigation, validation and action.

#### 1.4 Relationship to other plans

This plan is a sub-plan of GLC's Community Communications Strategy (CCS), which aligns with the Sydney Metro OCCS. The CCS describes the approach GLC will use to manage engagement and ongoing consultation with stakeholders and the community with an interest in, or potentially affected by WTP works between Westmead and the Sydney Olympic Park and at the Eastern Creek precast facility (the Project). This plan focuses on the engagement with small business owners, within the broader stakeholder and community engagement approach and systems detailed in the CCS.

The OCCS will be implemented throughout the construction period and for 12 months following the completion of construction.

This plan is intended as an additional layer of guidance for small business engagement and does not replace best practice management, and mitigation measures for businesses as outlined in the OCCS and Community Communications Strategy (CCS).



Figure 1: Communication strategy hierarchy

This plan is also supported by the Construction Complaints Management System which outlines the framework for managing complaints, enquiries and escalation processes throughout the project lifecycle.

## 1.5 Monitoring and reporting

GLC will evaluate the performance and effectiveness of the Small Business Owners Engagement Plan through a review undertaken every six months or annually as required in accordance with the measures outlined in the Overarching Community Communication Strategy.



### **2 ENGAGEMENT MECHANISMS**

#### 2.1 General engagement approach

GLC's approach to engaging with adjacent small businesses is to:

- Introduce a single point of contact for small businesses, through a dedicated Place Manager, who will engage and consult with business owners and respond promptly to any issues or complaints raised by businesses
- Carry out an initial business identification survey to understand what small businesses are adjacent to our sites and what unique or specific operating requirements/constraints these businesses may have or concerns about potential disruptions
- The business identification surveys will be undertaken annually to capture changes in types of businesses, owners or circumstances which have not already come to the attention of GLC during regular business engagement activities
- Provide businesses with information about the project, proposed timing of the works and any mitigation measures, including any business specific mitigation measures
- Ensure the project team understands the operational requirements and sensitivities of small businesses around each work area
- Where a small business indicates they are being impacted, the Place Manager will investigate this complaint and liaise with the Project Team about possible mitigation measures
- Where it is confirmed GLC work is causing an actual adverse impact, mitigation measures will be developed between the Place Manager and the Project Team, where practical and feasible
- Assist small businesses to identify opportunities available to participate in mentoring, education, events and/or promotion programs via local council and/or NSW Government agencies, including any relevant Sydney Metro activities
- Promote local businesses to the wider GLC construction team to help improve local business trade where possible.

#### 2.2 Communication tools

Businesses will be provided with information about construction progress and the approaches taken to minimise potential construction impacts. GLC will use a range of communication tools to ensure project information reaches small businesses and they are provided with options to engage with the project. Communication tools include:

- Personal engagement via Place Managers who are responsible for ensuring that business consultation is documented, and feedback is communicated to relevant project team members
- Initial and annual surveys to understand their business requirements including operating hours, main delivery times, reliance on foot traffic, any signage or advertising that may be impacted, customer origin, and other information specific to the business that will need to be considered in planning and delivery of construction.
- Notifications including maps to keep businesses informed, explaining the purpose of the works, what they can expect, and any potential impacts (letterbox dropped or electronic format)
- Newsletters to provide a three month lookahead to properties within 500 metres of the construction site on a bi-annual basis (letterbox dropped or electronic format)
- Fact sheets (where suitable) to provide detail on aspects of the work and the project.





#### 2.3 Mitigation approach

#### **Engagement and mitigation strategies**

Mitigation measures identified in these documents which will be implemented by GLC includes, but not limited to:

- Place Managers will regularly engage with businesses to keep up to date on understanding their current business operations
- Clear pathways and signage would be implemented around construction sites to maximise visibility of retained businesses
- Hoarding will be installed to minimise noise and dust impacts and improve visual amenity
- Maintaining access for customers visiting businesses and deliveries. Any changes will be communicated at least 7 days prior to change
- Installing signage that indicates businesses are still open
- Installing wayfinding signage for customers on business access and parking
- Keeping clean work sites, including clean hoardings and regularly checking and removing graffiti
- Where utility outages are planned and related to WTP construction, Place Managers to notify businesses and discuss outage activities and options to maintain business operation. Mitigation options may include timing of outages to businesses
- For unplanned outages related to WTP construction, Place Managers to doorknock or call businesses to discuss disruptions to services and provide them with GLC or utility company contact details for updates, further information and options to maintain business operation.



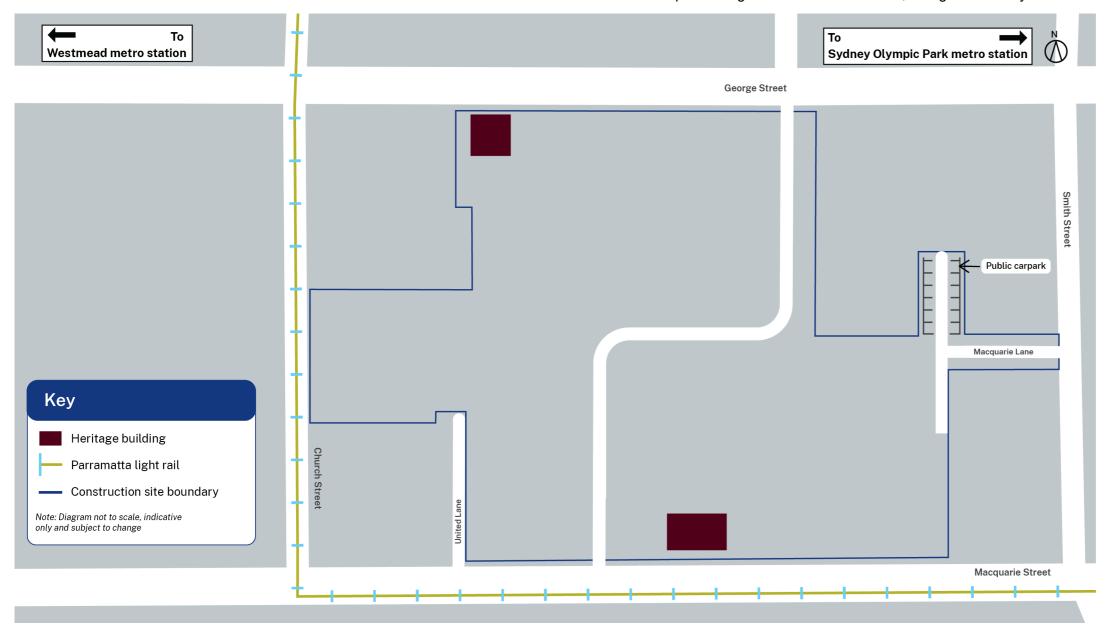
#### 2.4 Precinct analysis - Parramatta

Parramatta is a commercial and retail hub. Parramatta metro station is bounded by Church Street, Smith Street and Macquarie Street and is immediately surrounded by both small and large businesses. Church Street is a pedestrian zone with banks, universities, chemists, cafes, fitness and retail outlets and the Parramatta Light Rail. The PLR will run on Church and Macquarie Streets from 2023.

Approximately 100 small businesses are identified as operating within 50 metres of the Parramatta station construction site, primarily:

- Mixed retail including cafes and small goods
- Restaurants and clothing stores
- · Health services such as dental, medical and optical
- Small professional services including financial, consulting and legal.

The identified small businesses are listed below. It is noted that some of the businesses identified are part of larger retail and food chains, though some may be franchisees and fit the definition of a small business.



#### **Small Businesses along Church Street**

| Business name                  | Issues  | Mitigation  | Communication tools   |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Pharmacy 4 Less                | Access to businesses for customers and deliveries     from Horwood Blood  | Maintain tenant and customer access to the rear     of the preparties from Harward Place and United                         | Letterbox drop and electronic updates including     neweletters, netifications, monthly updates.                                |
| CK Architects                  | <ul><li>from Horwood Place</li><li>Maintain access to businesses for staff and deliveries</li></ul>               | of the properties from Horwood Place and United Lane  | <ul><li>newsletters, notifications, monthly updates</li><li>Direct contact in advance of any potentially impacting ad</li></ul> |
| Scram Escape Rooms             | from United Lane.  Noise and vibration impacts  | <ul> <li>Local internal roads will be designed to allow<br/>delivery access during construction</li> </ul>                  | <ul><li>hoc activities</li><li>Drop-in information sessions</li></ul>   |
| Leni's Cafe                    | Dust impacts  | <ul> <li>Pedestrian access to Church Street from rear of property</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Place Manager personal contact to understand business</li> </ul>   |
| Optimum Med Health Clinic      | <ul> <li>Visual amenity to the area, including clean construction site appearance with clean hoardings</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>circumstances</li><li>Business identification survey</li></ul>  |
| TJ Homebase                    | <ul> <li>Worksite and construction activities obstructing view of shopfront from customers</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> <li>Provide signage, wayfinding, and ground decal</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Translation services for culturally and linguistically diverse business owners and workers</li> </ul>                  |
| Scholar Hub                    | <ul> <li>Planned and unplanned utility works impacting on services</li> </ul>                                     | options to direct customers safely to any business obstructed by footpath or road closures                                  |   |
| Lichaa Menswear                | Temporary footpath and road closures  |   |   |
| Natures Hair & Beauty Supplies |   |   |   |
| Robin Raju & Associates        |   |   |   |
| TSG                            |   |   |   |
| Bourke Street Bakery           |   |   |   |
| Panntea                        |   |   |   |
| BL Burgers                     |   |   |   |
| Red Mango                      |   |   |   |
| Destination Roll               |   |   |   |
| Captain Dan BBQ                |   |   |   |
| Mayfair Gourmet                |   |   |   |
| Potato Corner                  |   |   |   |
| Copper Handi                   |   |   |   |
| Sharetea Parramatta            |   |   |   |
| H&R Block                      |   |   |   |
| Tax Tips                       |   |   |   |
| KX Pilates                     |   |   |   |
| Golden Tree Thai Massage       |   |   |   |

| Just 4 Fun                         |
|------------------------------------|
| Eckersley Arts & Craft             |
| DLUX Jewellers                     |
| 7/11                               |
| Surplus City Camping and Disposals |
| Good Games                         |
| Peter Wynns Score                  |
| Dallas Newsagency                  |
| King of the Pack                   |
| Good Games                         |
| Peter Wynns Score                  |
| Dallas Newsagency                  |
| King of the Pack                   |
| Oriental Tuckerbox                 |
| Manaeesh Bakery & Pizza            |
| Chemist Warehouse                  |
| Cash Stop                          |
| KX Pilates                         |
| MV Nails & Beauty                  |

# Small Businesses along George Street

| Business name               | Issues  | Mitigation  | Communication tools   |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| The Bean Chamber            | Maintain car park near Macquarie Lane   | <ul> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> </ul>   | Regular notifications (letterbox and email)   |
| Lead College                | <ul><li>Noise and vibration impacts</li><li>Dust impacts</li></ul>  | <ul> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> <li>Ensure site is clean at the end of each day</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Quarterly construction newsletters to provide construction lookahead (letterbox and email)</li> </ul>                            |
| Dragon House Indian Chinese | Visual amenity to the area, including clean construction site appearance with clean hoardings             | <ul> <li>Conduct regular checks on hoarding and clean<br/>any graffiti</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Regular Place Manager doorknocks to understand local<br/>business owner's issues and identify targeted mitigation</li> </ul>     |
| Xcel Roll & Bowl            | <ul> <li>Worksite and construction activities obstructing view</li> </ul>                                 | <ul> <li>Provide signage, wayfinding and floor decal</li> </ul>   | Provide business owners with notice of highly impactful  work of a vibratory or point work or temperary loss of                           |
| Western Sydney Kebabs       | <ul> <li>of shopfront from customers</li> <li>Planned and unplanned utility works impacting on</li> </ul> | options to direct customers safely to business obstructed by footpath or road closures                                    | work e.g. vibratory or noisy work or temporary loss of services   |
| In the mood for Thai        | services Local traffic impacts due to additional vehicles and   | <ul><li>Facilitate information sessions</li><li>Provide translators as required</li></ul>                                 | <ul> <li>Toolbox talks and regular site checks and management</li> <li>Corflute signage and floor decals for businesses to use</li> </ul> |
| Ground Floor Cafe           | heavy vehicle movements   | '   |   |

| Story Factory                         |
|---------------------------------------|
| Homage                                |
| Piri                                  |
| Tax Today                             |
| Patrick Lau & co Accounting           |
| The Tax Factor                        |
| Veritas Law Firm                      |
| George Street Dental Care             |
| Acupuncture Hyemin Clinic             |
| Pacific Smiles Dental Teaching Clinic |
| Optical Co                            |
| LA-Language Academy Parramatta        |
| KR Education and Migration            |
| Dry Cleaners on George                |
| Antons Hairdressing                   |
| The Barber Workshop                   |
| M&a Bizy Scissors                     |
| ResumeWorks                           |
| Auslim Parramatta                     |
| Digiprint Media                       |
| Tribe Vibe                            |
| Aquarius Rising                       |
| D & D Real Estate                     |

- Temporary footpath and road closures
- Impacts from other nearby projects

- Maintain pedestrian and vehicle access to businesses
- Community information sessions with business specific information
- Meet with Parramatta Chamber of Commerce to consult and engage with their small business members
- Translation services for culturally and linguistically diverse business owners and workers

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#### Small Businesses along Horwood Place & Smith Street

| Business name  | Issues  | Mitigation  | Communication tools  |
|--|---|---|--|
| Paper Plane Cafe  Mr Phillips Coffee Beans  Bad Manners Espresso  Subway  Community Migrant Resource Centre  Yellow Brick Road Wealth Management  Kwik Kopy Printing | <ul> <li>Noise and vibration impacts</li> <li>Dust impacts</li> <li>Visual amenity to the area, including clean construction site appearance with clean hoardings</li> <li>Worksite and construction activities obstructing view of shopfront from customers</li> <li>Planned and unplanned utility works impacting on services or on access to Macquarie Lane</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Minimise work impacts on access and parking in Macquarie Lane, where practicable</li> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> </ul> | Discuss with business owners about their vehicle and pedestrian access requirements if any works require occupation of United Lane |
| House of Albert  Hair and Skin Science Parramatta  Guardian Property Specialists  Laser Clinics  |   |   |  |

#### **Small Businesses along Macquarie Street**

| Business name                       | Issues   | Mitigation  | Communication tools   |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Vision in White bridal              | Noise and vibration impacts  | Minimise work impacts on access and parking in  | Discuss with business owners about their vehicle and  |
| The Salt Approach                   | <ul> <li>Dust impacts</li> <li>Visual amenity to the area, including clean</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>United Lane, where practicable</li> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> </ul> | pedestrian access requirements if any works require occupation of United Lane   |
| Manaeesh Bakery & Pizza             | <ul> <li>violate amonity to the died, including closh construction site appearance with clean hoardings</li> <li>Worksite and construction activities obstructing view of shopfront from customers</li> <li>Planned and unplanned utility works impacting on services or on access to United Lane</li> </ul> |   | <ul> <li>At least 7-day notice of any access changes by phone call,<br/>doorknock or meeting</li> </ul>                               |
| Fade Barber Shop                    |  |   | <ul> <li>Regular Place Manager doorknocks to understand local<br/>business owner's issues and identify targeted mitigation</li> </ul> |
| Ezymart                             |  |   | <ul> <li>Provide business owners with advance notice of highly</li> </ul>   |
| Parramatta Mission (not for profit) |  |   | impactful work e.g. vibratory or noisy work or temporary loss of services   |

#### 2.5 Precinct analysis - Westmead

Westmead is a growing health and innovation precinct, as well as home to a culturally and linguistically diverse community. Westmead metro station is bounded by Hawkesbury Road, Bailey Street, Hassall Street and Alexandra Avenue and is south of the adjacent Sydney Trains Westmead station. Although there are no small businesses identified within 50 metres of the project site, there are small businesses on the other side of the existing train station. These businesses include a mix of food, professional and personal services. The identified small businesses are listed below. The Sydney Trains station acts as a visual barrier between these small businesses and the construction site.



Table 2: Small businesses within 100 metres of Westmead construction site

| Business name                | Issues  | Mitigation  | Communication tools  |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Westmead Food Express        | Noise and vibration impacts     Dust impacts  | <ul> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate visual amenity</li> <li>Install acoustic shed to mitigate noise and dust</li> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> <li>Ensure site is clean at the end of each day</li> <li>Conduct regular checks on hoarding and clean any graffiti</li> <li>Traffic management plans, traffic control plans to ensure road safety</li> <li>Encourage workers to use public transport to minimise parking impacts</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Regular notifications (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Quarterly construction newsletters to provide construction lookahead (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Regular Place Manager doorknocks to understand local business owner's issues and identify targeted mitigation</li> <li>Provide business owners with advance notice of highly impactful work e.g. vibratory or noisy work or temporary loss of services</li> <li>Toolbox talks and regular site checks and management</li> <li>Coordinate communications with Transport for Tomorrow</li> </ul> |
| F45 Training Westmead        | <ul> <li>Dust impacts</li> <li>Local traffic impacts and heavy vehicle</li> </ul>                                       |   |  |
| Friendly Grocer Supermarket  | <ul> <li>movements on Hawkesbury Road</li> <li>Concerns about worker vehicles taking up local parking spo ts</li> </ul> |   |  |
| Thuy Hot Bread               |   |   |  |
| Mina Bakery                  |   |   |  |
| Pista House                  |   |   |  |
| Michel's Patisserie Westmead |   |   | and PLR  |
| Westmead Tavern              |   |   | <ul> <li>Liaise with the Westmead Public School Community Hub to<br/>communicate to local businesses and their customers</li> </ul>  |
| Thundery Thai Massage Clinic |   |   | <ul> <li>Translation services for culturally and linguistically diverse<br/>business owners and workers</li> </ul>   |
| New Leaf Realtors            |   |   |  |
| TAB                          |   |   |  |

#### 2.6 Precinct analysis – Clyde and Rosehill

The Clyde stabling and maintenance facility is bounded by James Ruse Drive, Unwin Street, Western Motorway and Shirley Street and is near both small and large businesses. Clyde and Rosehill is a large commercial and industrial precinct. The area is home to an industrial park, heavy industry and approximately 23 small businesses have been identified within 200 metres of the Clyde stabling and maintenance facility construction sites. In May 2022, small businesses identified in this area are primarily:

- Automotive industry
- Industrial and engineering
- Bulk goods and logistics

The identified small businesses are listed below.

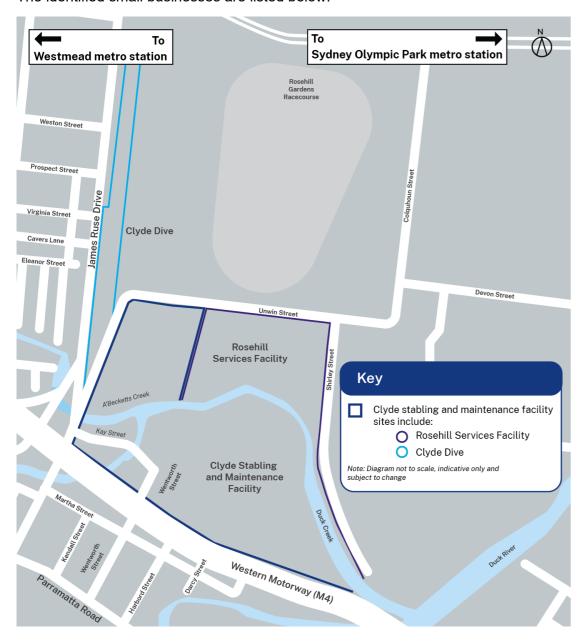


Table 3: Small businesses within 200 metres of the Clyde maintenance and stabling facility sites

| Business name Issues   | Mitigation  | Communication tools   |
|--|---|---|
| AMF Performance Ceilings  Plasta Masta Granville  Autojov Performance  O Noise and vibration imparate to the planned and unplanned and unplann | <ul> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> <li>Ensure site is clean at the end of each day</li> <li>Conduct regular checks on hoarding and clean any graffiti</li> <li>Traffic management plans, traffic control plans to</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Regular notifications (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Quarterly construction newsletters to provide construction lookahead (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Regular Place Manager doorknocks to understand local business owner's issues and identify targeted mitigation</li> <li>Provide business owners with advance notice of highly impactful work e.g. vibratory or noisy work or temporary loss of services</li> </ul> |

#### 2.7 Precinct analysis – Sydney Olympic Park

Sydney Olympic Park has a mixed business and residential community within a world class sporting and event precinct, that is surrounded by parklands and public spaces.

Herb Elliott Avenue runs along the northern boundary of the site which has three hotels (Ibis, Novotel and Pullman) and head offices for organisations such as Cricket NSW and Sydney Thunder as well as a café within the Abattoir Heritage Precinct directly across the road. On the southern side of the site is Figtree Drive which has offices of larger organisations including Police Citizens Youth Club and the NSW Institute of Sport. Only one small business within 50 metres has so far been identified, 'Abattoir Blues Café' on Herb Elliott Avenue. GLC will be working in the Sydney Olympic Park site for approximately 11 months from late 2023 to late 2024.

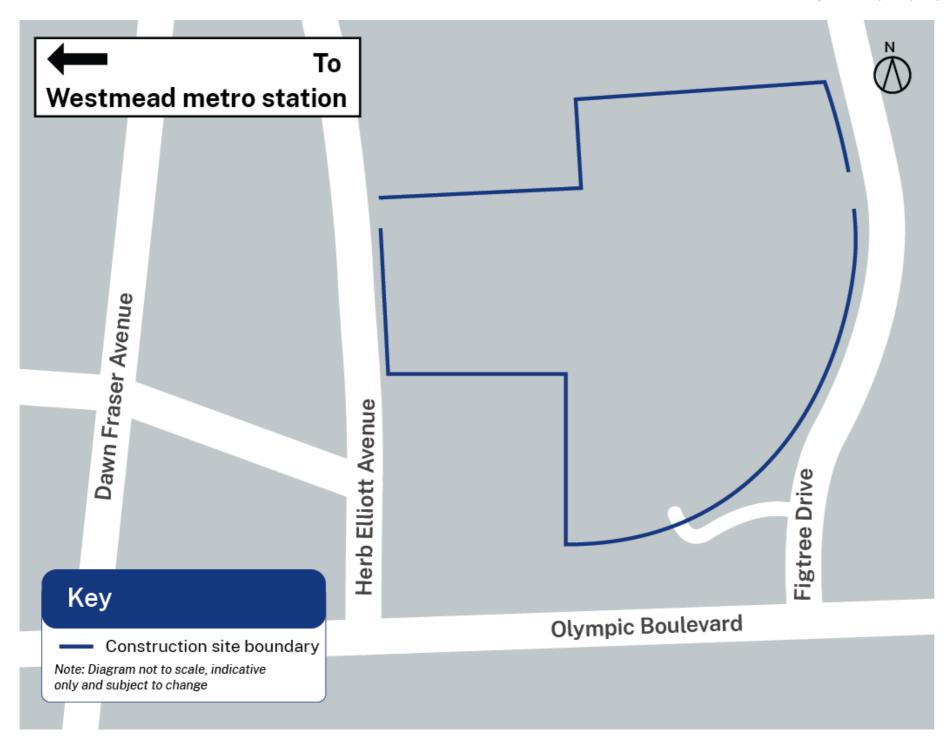


Table 4: Small businesses within 100 metres of Sydney Olympic Park construction site

| Business name         | Issues  | Mitigation  | Communication tools  |
|-----------------------|---|---|--|
| Abattoir Blues (café) | <ul> <li>Noise and vibration impacts</li> <li>Dust impacts</li> <li>Local traffic impacts due to additional vehicles and heavy vehicle movements</li> <li>Temporary footpath and road closures</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Schedule high impact works outside of busy trade periods, e.g. morning and lunch</li> <li>Install hoarding to mitigate noise and dust</li> <li>Conduct noise and other environmental monitoring</li> <li>Ensure site is clean at the end of each day</li> <li>Conduct regular checks on hoarding and clean any graffiti</li> <li>Provide signage, wayfinding and floor decal options to direct customers safely to business obstructed by footpath or road closures</li> <li>Facilitate information sessions</li> <li>Provide translators as required</li> <li>Maintain pedestrian and vehicle access to businesses</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Regular notifications (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Quarterly construction newsletters to provide construction lookahead (letterbox and email)</li> <li>Place Manager engagement, starting in the second half of 2023 to understand local business owner's issues prior to work commencing</li> <li>Provide business owner with advance notice of highly impactful work, e.g. vibratory or noisy work</li> <li>Toolbox talks and regular site checks and management</li> <li>Coordinate engagement with AFJV and consult with SOPA. This may include meeting with the Sydney Olympic Park Business Association and their members to reach small businesses within the park but not near the site.</li> </ul> |