

To the householder & business operator



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services

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Dear resident/business operator,

**Re: Archaeological and geotechnical investigations for the Windsor Bridge replacement project
Starting Monday 23 April 2012**

Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) has identified option 1 – a high level bridge 35 metres downstream of the existing bridge – as the preferred option to replace Windsor Bridge. This announcement was made in August 2011.

RMS has started an assessment of environmental impacts for the preferred option and needs to undertake field investigations to further develop the design and identify potential impacts.

As part of these field investigations, archaeological and geotechnical investigations need to be undertaken. They will start on **Monday 23 April 2012** and are expected to take approximately **one month** to complete, weather permitting.

These field investigations will allow RMS to gather important information such as local geology and potential Aboriginal and European archaeology impacts and their significance. These investigations will assist the project team to prepare the environmental impact statement which will be displayed for community comment later this year.

The investigations will occur on the southern side of the Hawkesbury River in Old Bridge Street, the car park near the wharf and on the northern side of the Hawkesbury River at the location of the proposed bridge. Work will be staged so that geotechnical testing will occur after the archaeological investigation.

These investigations will involve machine and hand excavation of trenches. Soil layers may be collected for further analysis and any artefacts or archaeological features that are identified will be recorded. Excavations may need to reach depths of between 1 and 3 metres, and to ensure the safety of the community these test pits will be fenced and will be backfilled afterwards.

This work will be done during the **day**, and the car park near the wharf may be closed for periods of time. Access to driveways will be maintained at all times. Lane closures will be required, mainly near the intersection of **Wilberforce Road** and **Freemans Reach Road**, although other minor intermittent closures may be required. Traffic control arrangements will be in place for the safety of workers and the public.

This work will be carried out **Monday to Friday from 7am to 6pm** and **Saturday from 8am to 1pm**. Information regarding this investigation work, including any lane closures, will be displayed on electronic message signs along the roadway.

There will be some noise associated with this work, however every effort will be made to minimise the impact of noise on residents and businesses. RMS apologises for any inconvenience this investigation work may cause and appreciates the patience of residents and motorists.

An information sheet regarding the archaeological and geotechnical investigations will also be made available on the project website at www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects.

Should you have any queries regarding this work, please contact me on 02 9352 9549 during business hours or by email to Roy.Surace@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

Roy Surace

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