

3 February 2022

## **West Pittwater Energy Reliability Project**

### **Cable installation work in Lovett Bay and Catherine Park**

As you are aware, Ausgrid is planning to improve the reliability of the local power supply to West Pittwater (McCarrs Creek, Elvina Bay, Lovett Bay and Morning Bay), following extended power outages to the area in previous years.

Ultegra (with specialist contractors) is doing this work on behalf of Ausgrid. The work involves drilling two boreholes, one from Lovett Bay and one from Catherine Park into Pittwater, installing a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe inside these boreholes, and then pulling a cable through the boreholes and between Lovett Bay and Catherine Park.

Work to install the cables will start on **Wednesday 9 February 2022**, weather and ground conditions permitting. We will need to re-open the entry/exit points and then fence these locations:

- Lovett Bay from **Wednesday 9 February 2022**
- Catherine Park from **Monday 14 February 2022**

From **Monday 21 February 2022**, we will then barge the cable to site and install the cable from the barge through the entry/exit points in Lovett Bay and Catherine Park. We will also embed the cable approximately 1.5 metres deep along the Pittwater seabed. This work will take about one week to complete.

On **Saturday 26** and **Sunday 27 February** we will work at Lovett Bay in the entry/exit point. This work should not be noisy. There will be no weekend work in Catherine Park.

### **Work hours**

With statewide changes to construction working hours due to Covid-19, we are proposing to extend our usual working hours on site.

We are proposing to work:

- **Monday to Friday 6am to 6.30pm**
- **Saturday 7.30am to 5.30pm**
- **Sunday 7.30am to 5.30pm**

### **What to expect during our work**

Work will be noisy at times, and there will be an increase in vehicle movements. We will minimise the impacts to you by:

- installing noise blankets around excavations and equipment
- directing lighting away from residential properties, and
- carrying out regular inspections to ensure minimal impact to surrounding residents.

We apologise for any inconvenience that this work may cause.

### **Next steps**

In early March, we will temporarily restore both sites and then return to do the final connection work after Easter. We will notify you before we do this work.

The final restoration of the area will be carried out in consultation with Northern Beaches Council.

**Keeping you informed**

Ausgrid will issue email notification updates detailing work locations and dates. Residents can register for these updates to be emailed to them at [majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au).

For enquiries related to construction, please contact Ultegra on 0409 736 064 or at [enquiries@ulteгра.com.au](mailto:enquiries@ulteгра.com.au).

For information related to the project visit our website at [www.ausgrid.com.au/West-Pittwater-reliability-project](http://www.ausgrid.com.au/West-Pittwater-reliability-project). Alternatively, you can contact Ausgrid on 1800 604 765 or [majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au).

We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause you and thank you for your continued patience. We would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy holiday season.

Yours sincerely,

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