

Parkes Special Activation Precinct – Start of major construction

Special Activation Precincts are being delivered by Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation, an agency of the NSW Government. The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is the new epicentre of the nation’s freight network.

Major construction is now underway for the Parkes Special Activation Precinct and includes the following:

- Installing temporary and permanent fencings
- Earthworks including removal of topsoil and temporary road widening
- Changes to traffic control measures
- Ongoing utility investigations, ground survey and potholing
- Utility works including telecommunications, gas, electrical and water
- Ongoing vegetation removal within the project alignment and mulching for reuse
- Ongoing environmental controls and monitoring

Vegetation removal

In early September work began to remove vegetation within the project boundary. Due to the close proximity of the Special Activation Precinct to Brolgan and Coopers Road, vegetation removal is required to accommodate the road widening, a new shared path and utility adjustments.

A dedicated ecologist works onsite as part of the project team during vegetation removal to ensure any sensitive ecology is preserved, and any fauna is identified and relocated. This includes the installation of more than 80 nesting boxes in trees adjacent to the project. These will provide alternative nesting and roosting places for wildlife.

The project team has worked with environmental planning principles to limit vegetation removal where possible and includes biodiversity offsets, as well as significant landscaping and re-planting which will take place during later stages of development.

Utility works

From October, the project team will begin relocating existing gas and telecommunications utilities from the southern side of Brolgan Road to the northern side, to enable the widening of the road and bridge construction. An upgrade of the existing electrical network and water service will commence in the new year. Impacted residents will be notified in advance should outages be required as part of this work.

How will work affect you?

During the day, you may notice increased noise and truck movements associated with the work. We will make every effort to minimise noise by carrying out the work in stages at different locations across the site.

Work will be carried out between **7am and 6pm Mondays to Fridays** and **8am and 1pm Saturdays**, weather permitting.

There may be some work required at night in some locations to reduce impacts on traffic flow. Nearby residents and the community will be notified in advance of this work.

Property access will be maintained during this work.

Traffic changes

At times there may be some temporary traffic changes to ensure work areas are safe. Please keep to the sign posted speed limits and follow the direction of traffic controllers and signs. Traffic changes will be communicated to motorists through electronic message sign.

Contact us

If you have any questions, please contact 1800 329 135 or ParkesSAP@fultonhogan.com.au

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