

Upgrading the electricity network in King Street, Newtown

Community Newsletter – July 2011

Ausgrid would like to thank you for your patience while we upgrade the electricity supply to properties along King Street, Newtown between Enmore Road and Missenden Road. This essential work will help ensure the local community continues to enjoy a reliable and safe power supply.

The project involves the installation of a new underground supply and the removal of about 1.5 kilometres of cable from shop-fronts in King Street.

Project update

As part of the first stage of the project, Ausgrid's contractors installed small electrical pillars along King Street. These pillars provide a safe and reliable new service connection to properties. They will also allow crews to restore the power supply safely and more quickly if there are interruptions to your electricity supply in the future.

Trenching work to install the new underground supply has been completed on the south-bound side of King Street and in adjacent lanes and back streets. Trenching work on the north-bound side is now underway and is expected to be completed in late 2011.

Work has also begun to allow the new service connection to properties on both the north and south-bound sides of King Street. Each property will be connected to the new service after the trenching and preliminary service connection works are finalised. Once this work is completed, Ausgrid will begin pulling the new underground cables through the conduits under the footpath. In early 2012 Ausgrid will remove the cabling from the building façade and commission the new power supply into service.

Reinstating the footpath

As part of the final stage of this project, the City of Sydney Council will undertake permanent reinstatement of the footpath. In the meantime, temporary fill is being used because it will be necessary to access these areas again when it is time to install the new cables. We appreciate this



Trenching work similar to that being undertaking in King Street, Newtown.

temporary hot mix can look untidy, however it is necessary to avoid reinstating the footpath twice, which would involve excessive disruption and cost to the community. Permanent reinstatement of the footpath is expected to occur in late-2012.

Ausgrid understands this essential work can be disruptive and our priority is to minimise inconvenience to businesses and the community as much as possible throughout this project.

Ausgrid wishes to sincerely thank you for your cooperation and patience as the project progresses.

For more information

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our project team.

Visit the project centre at 120 King Street, Newtown. The centre is open every Friday.

Call the 24/7 project information line on **1800 643 608** or email info-kingstreet@ausgrid.com.au