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## **Scotland Island Energy Reliability Project Construction work - Scotland Island update**

As you are aware, Ausgrid is currently installing a new electricity cable between Church Point and Scotland Island. This cable will improve the reliability of the power supply to Scotland Island.

Dunstans Construction Group is doing this work on behalf of Ausgrid. The work involves using a directional drilling machine to bore a hole to Scotland Island, install a steel sleeve and then install conduits (plastic pipes) into the steel sleeve. The cable will then be installed into one of the conduits.

### **Progress to date**

Dunstans have now finished drilling and installing the steel sleeve along the length of the bore between Scotland Island and Church Point. The next step is for the conduit and cable to be installed in the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, the final section of drilling was more difficult than we expected and was only completed last week about six weeks behind our planned schedule.

The drilling rig has now left site and we will be able to reduce our construction compound and return eight parking spaces for use by the community next week.

We will then start work to complete the trenching work in the carpark, within our compound and then restore the carpark. This work should be completed by **mid-December 2020**, weather and ground conditions permitting.

We understand this timing is very unfortunate and that we have inconvenienced the community for most of the year. We really appreciate your patience while we carried out this important work.

### **Work on Richard Road, Scotland Island**

Next week, work will start on the corner of Richard Road and Harold Avenue installing the plastic conduits and new cable (see map overleaf). We will also be digging a trench to the new kiosk in mid-November. The construction works will take about four weeks to complete, weather and ground conditions permitting. The area will then be restored.

Following the cable installation, Ausgrid will need to return to access this area early in 2021 to complete jointing and connection work. We will notify you before we do this work.

### **Access at Richard Road, Scotland Island**

During the work, we will:

- Work to maintain pedestrian access in most instances to Richard Road and to the wharf and reserve from the road. However, there will be times when access will be restricted during work hours
- Road closures will also be required intermittently during this period. We will notify the community in advance of any road closures and vehicle turn around areas will be in place
- Access to the wharf from the water will be maintained at all times. Ferry, water taxi and boat activities will not be affected

### Parking and traffic at Church Point Carpark

The temporary parking restrictions in the Church Point Reserve Carpark will remain in place, while the trenching and restoration work is being done, until the **mid-December 2020**. We will contact residents who have kindly swapped their parking permits for Rowland Reserve, to discuss the extension.

### Work hours

With statewide changes to construction working hours due to Covid-19, our work hours will continue to be:

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

We will continue to monitor noise levels and will shorten work hours, if required or if the statewide changes to construction working hours change.

### 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 noise generating equipment
- directing lighting away from residential properties, and
- carrying out regular inspections to ensure minimal impact to surrounding residents.

### 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 Dunstans on 0490 750 197 (24 hours) or at [community@dunstans.com.au](mailto:community@dunstans.com.au).

For information related to the project visit our website at [www.ausgrid.com.au/scotlandisland](http://www.ausgrid.com.au/scotlandisland). 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.

Yours sincerely,



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**Location of work on  
Richard Road,  
Scotland Island**

