Rozelle Interchange Project to deliver the first stage of the Western Harbour Tunnel





20 January 2022

The NSW Government announced at the start of 2022 the good news that the Rozelle Interchange Project, joint venture between John Holland and CPB, was awarded an additional \$722 million contract to deliver the first stage of tunnelling for the Western Harbour Tunnel (WHT).

The additional scope for the WHT Southern Tunnelling Works, includes the excavation of 4.9-kilometres of road tunnels running from the Rozelle Interchange towards Birchgrove Oval, in addition to ventilation tunnels and other services.

The agreement to extend the current scope of work will reduce construction impacts on the local community and enable this section of the WHT project to be delivered up to 12 months ahead of time.

The extension of work is more cost effective as it takes advantage of established resources, expertise, and site access to fast track the delivery of the WHT's Southern Tunnelling Works.

The Rozelle parklands and interchange will also still be delivered on time, as the additional tunnelling scope will not impact the initial Project's scheduled completion date of December 2023.

John Holland CEO, Joe Barr said he was pleased the government has taken the opportunity to accelerate the delivery of the Western Harbour Tunnel by utilising the capability, resources and expertise of the team successfully delivering the Rozelle Interchange.

Project Director, Stephen Keyser said this extra scope was awarded to JHCPB thanks to the hard work performed by everyone across this Project to date.

"The extension of work takes advantage of the great progress we've already made as well as the exceptional team we have on the ground," said Mr Keyser.

CPB Contractors Managing Director, Jason Spears also credited the Project teams for the success of the additional contract.

"Our teams are currently delivering the Rozelle Interchange and will leverage that experience to ensure that the enabling works are delivered safely and to schedule. Our aim will be to deliver the works while minimising any disruptions to the community," said Mr Spears.

"Today's announcement is a win for the community," said Mr Barr.

"The Western Harbour Tunnel is a key transport project for Sydney, today's announcement means it can now be delivered faster with savings for taxpayers and fewer impacts to the local community and environment."

Premier Dominic Perrottet said the project is a crucial milestone, which will support hundreds of jobs and ensure significant benefits for drivers, including improved travel times and reduced congestion.

"The tunnel will not only revolutionise how we get around Sydney but also take the pressure off other major roads including the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Harbour Tunnel, Anzac Bridge and Western Distributor," Mr Perrottet said.

Project timeline

The Rozelle Interchange, despite the challenges of the COVID pandemic, remains on schedule for completion at the end 2023.

The excavation work on the WHT southern tunnel section will begin in July 2022 and is planned for completion by early 2025.

