

## Media Release

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### Hills M2 Upgrade enters second year of work

The second year of the \$550 million Hills M2 Upgrade has been marked today with significant progress across the 14.5 kilometres of Sydney's biggest ever upgrade to an operating motorway.

"Around 50 per cent of the project has been completed with major progress across the work site, including major excavation in the tunnel and the widening or lengthening of 10 bridges," said a project spokesperson.

"The upgrade will deliver a substantial boost to transport services in North West Sydney. More than 100,000 motorists and 27,000 bus commuters use the motorway each work day.

"We are approaching two major milestones with fully cashless conversion of the motorway scheduled for 30 January and the Windsor Road ramps scheduled for completion before the end of May 2012.

"The conversion to fully cashless tolling will mean a faster, safer and simpler journey for motorists and will help to reduce the impacts of traffic noise on nearby residents.

"Another major upgrade highlight will be reached in September, when the new Christie and Herring Road east facing ramps are scheduled to open, with the full project complete in the first half of 2013."

**Fully electronic toll collection will commence on the Hills M2 and Eastern Distributor from 30 January. Motorists using the motorways from this date will be required to pay tolls using existing electronic tags or temporary pass products.**

**On-motorway cash payments will no longer be available from 30 January, so motorists without a valid payment arrangement, have up to 48 hours after their first trip to make an arrangement. Roam Express e-TAG and visitor's ePASS can be accessed from [www.roamexpress.com.au](http://www.roamexpress.com.au) or 13 76 26.**

**Further information regarding other tolling products can be access at [www.sydneymotorways.com](http://www.sydneymotorways.com).**

**Major project milestones to date include:**

- 700 people currently employed on the project
- 1.5 million man hours spent on the project
- 71 new bridge girders installed
- 67,000 cubic metres of sandstone/shale excavated and reprocessed/disposed

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#### Further information

For more information on the Hills M2 Upgrade, visit [www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au](http://www.hillsm2upgrade.com.au) or contact 1800 196 266 or via [enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au](mailto:enquiries@hillsm2upgrade.com.au).

For up to date traffic information contact the Transport Management Centre at [livetraffic.com](http://livetraffic.com) or 132 701.

For up to date information on bus services contact 131 500 or your bus service provider Hillsbus (02) 9890 0000 or Busways - (02) 9625 8900.

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