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Hi-Quality's Bulla Spoil Processing Facility to begin operations

Tunnelling for the West Gate Tunnel Project will commence in March 2022 from the Project's northern portal site, on the corner of Somerville Road and Whitehall Street in Footscray.

Tunnel soil will be moved by trucks from the northern portal site to Hi-Quality's Bulla Spoil Processing Facility using approved truck routes via Bulla Bridge.

The first stage of construction of Hi-Quality's Facility is complete, and the Facility will begin accepting soil from March. It will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week for the duration of tunnel excavation for the West Gate Tunnel Project.

What route will the trucks take?

The West Gate Tunnel Project will use approved truck routes to safely transport the tunnel soil from the tunnelling launch site, the northern portal in Footscray, to Hi-Quality's Bulla Spoil Processing Facility with minimal impact on residents, motorists and the broader traffic network.

The preferred truck route will see tunnel soil trucks travel on Whitehall Street, Moreland Road, Footscray Road, CityLink, the Tullamarine Freeway and Sunbury Road via Bulla Bridge.

What to expect

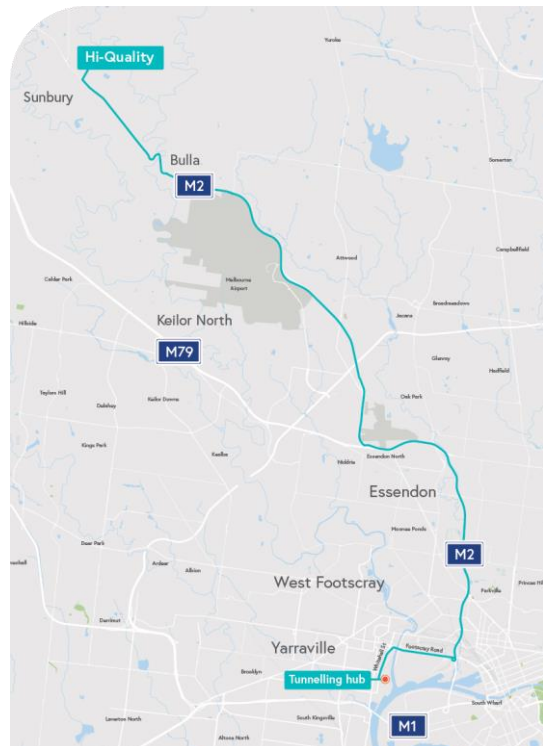
West Gate Tunnel Project trucks will operate 24 hours a day with trucks carrying tunnel soil from the construction site on Whitehall Street to Hi-Quality's Facility in Bulla.

At the peak there will be up to 15-18 truck movements per hour from the tunnel hub in Yarraville to Hi-Quality's Facility. This equates to a 2-4 per cent increase in total traffic. It will take some time to reach this volume, and the peak period is only expected to last for a matter of weeks. Truck volumes will be far lower for the remainder of the project.

Trucks transporting tunnel soil will be hosed down, sealed, and fully covered before embarking on their journey. All trucks are required to meet EPA requirements, fully assessed for road worthiness and compliance with noise and emission limits and follow approved truck routes to get to the disposal site.

Once the trucks arrive at Hi-Quality's Facility, the soil will be placed in specially lined holding bays to await testing results and begin the treatment process. Water will start draining immediately from the soil to pre-treatment ponds before being directed to an onsite water treatment plant which will return the water to safe drinking levels. The clean water will be reused for operational activities at the site, and the removed PFAS will be disposed of at a licensed facility. The remaining soil and rock will be safely disposed of in an engineered containment cell onsite.

To prevent mud and dirt from entering Sunbury Road, all trucks will exit the Hi-Quality site after going through wheel wash machines and being hosed down as required. Trucks also must re-seal before leaving the site.



You can learn more about the measures in place to protect the environment and surrounding waterways at www.hiqualityecohub.com.au.

More information on the Bulla Spoil Processing Facility

1. Noise, dust, and lighting

We will make every effort to minimise potential impacts, including dust and noise during operations.

- Noise: Hi-Quality undertakes quarterly construction noise assessments and will conduct additional noise monitoring during operations to ensure we are operating within guidelines.
- Dust: Hi-Quality has dust suppression and mitigation measures in place, including watering of exposed areas, stockpile protection, and ongoing air quality monitoring.
- Lighting: Hi-Quality will limit additional lighting by directing it onto the processing area for the safety of trucks and workers.

2. Protection of environment and local waterways

The Bulla Spoil Processing Facility has been engineered to protect the surrounding environment and local waterways. Our multi-layered lining system on the holding bays, pre-treatment ponds and containment cell have been designed to prevent leakage of material. Hi-Quality also regularly provides environmental analysis and data to the EPA covering its entire site operations. You can read more about our approvals and planning at www.hiqualityecohub.com.au/about-our-proposal.

3. Construction

Construction of the Facility is conducted in stages. The completion of stage one of operations enables the Facility to begin taking soil. Construction will continue after operations commence, and the final stages will be completed over the coming months. This work will be undertaken within site boundaries and the impact from construction is expected to be minimal.

How can I find out more on the Bulla Spoil Processing Facility?

We encourage anyone with questions to reach out:

- Send us an email: getintouch@hiqualitysunbury.com.au
- Read more: www.hiqualityecohub.com.au
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