Trial underground blasting in Arncliffe construction compound

Trial underground blasting will be conducted inside the New M5 construction compound at Marsh Street, Arncliffe. This testing will assess blast vibrations before adopting the approved method to excavate the New M5 tunnels.

We plan to conduct four intermittent trial blasts on **Tuesday morning, 29 August 2017 in around 2 hours**.

Blasting is a safe and commonly used method of road tunnel excavation. You should not hear any noise from the trial. You may feel a series of small vibrations. A vibration monitoring system will be set up near the compound to measure vibration at nearby properties.

The trial blasting will be around 25 meters underground and will be conducted by licensed experts. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts on local residents, all blasting activities will be within the strict vibration requirements set out in the New M5 Conditions of Approval.

This work is part of the New M5 project which will duplicate the existing M5 tunnel and more than double traffic capacity of the M5 East corridor. For more information, visit westconnex.com.au/NewM5.

If you have any questions about this work, please call toll-free **1800 660 248 (24 hours)** and ask to speak to a member of the New M5 community engagement team or email info@newm5.com.au.

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