

Community update



Figure 1: *Ador Park/McCarthy Park Precinct proposed upgrade and facilities (artist's impression)*

The F6 Extension Stage 1 will deliver the missing link from Sydney's south to the wider Sydney motorway network, making journeys easier, faster and safer. It will remove more than 2,000 trucks a day from surface roads, and help return local streets to local communities.

The Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) recently placed the F6 Extension Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on public exhibition between 7 November and 14 December 2018, seeking feedback submissions on the project.

We received 644 submissions from 487 individuals, councils and agencies.

We would like to thank the community, businesses and our stakeholders for taking the time to make submissions.

A submissions report is being developed based on the feedback received. The report will be submitted to DPE as part of the approval process.

Plans are progressing, and we are still actively carrying out geotechnical and other investigation work to further refine design as we move forward with the project. Some of these activities need to be done at night for access, safety and to limit traffic disruptions. We would like to thank you for your patience while we carry out this important work.

A potential design for the proposed community space is also continuing to be developed, including new artist's impressions to demonstrate what it may look like.

Our technical team is currently responding to submissions received during the public exhibition of the EIS, and is still available to respond to any questions from the community. A submissions report is being developed and will be made publicly available later in the year.



Figure 5: **Key features of the F6 Extension Stage 1**

Preserving community space

Roads and Maritime understands community concern about the impact of the project on Rockdale Bicentennial Park and the Bicentennial Park East Playing Fields.

Through talking to you at doorknocks, 'pop-ups' and our community information sessions, you identified to us that impacts to community amenity and recreational areas were a key concern arising from the project.

This is why the NSW Government is investing \$20 million on new and upgraded facilities to compensate for this loss of recreational and open space and reinstate the facilities at the end of construction. These costs are included in the overall project budget.

We know our construction activities at Rockdale Bicentennial Park will have

temporary impact on how the local community, community groups and sporting clubs access and use the area.

The project has developed a potential design for the reinstatement of the park. This design will be refined during the development of the Urban Design and Landscape Plan. It will be prepared in consultation with Council, our community, businesses, and stakeholders including community groups and the Stakeholder Liaison Group (SLG).

The SLG has been set up to focus on identifying ways to minimise impacts and provide a lasting legacy of improved sporting fields and better cycle and pedestrian facilities.

Providing recreational and sporting facilities during construction

Following initial feedback and engagement with key stakeholders, we are proposing permanent upgrades to existing sporting facilities in the area to minimise impact to local sporting clubs and the community during construction. This will include the creation of new grass and synthetic playing fields and the upgrade of existing amenity block facilities.

The proposal to permanently upgrade existing facilities is subject to further consultation with Bayside Council, the SLG and the local community to refine this proposal.

The identified locations for permanent upgrades to facilities are:

1. Ador Park/McCarthy Precinct
2. Brighton Memorial Playing Fields.

Note: We will stage the McCarthy Park and Brighton Memorial Playing Fields upgrading work to allow seamless transitions between the current and future recreational spaces.

The community will not lose recreation space at East Bicentennial Playing Fields before the McCarthy Park upgrades have been completed.

The proposal to upgrade Ador Park/McCarthy Park and Brighton Memorial Playing Fields are not detailed in the Environmental Impact Statement and will require additional environmental investigation. We will continue to engage with Bayside Council, the SLG and local community to refine this proposal.

Returning the East Bicentennial Playing Fields to the community

The reinstatement of Rockdale Bicentennial Park and the East Bicentennial Playing Fields will be finalised through consultation with Bayside Council, community and sporting groups, the SLG and through community input.

We will work with Council to develop design and landscaping outcomes that meet the needs of the community into the future.

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1. Ador Park/McCarthy Park Precinct

Ador Park is located approximately one kilometre from Bicentennial Park, and has recently been upgraded to a synthetic surface.

Roads and Maritime is proposing to:

- upgrade McCarthy Park (also known as J. Graham Field) field from grass to synthetic
- construct a new 'midi' sized synthetic field next to West Botany Street
- upgrade existing Bay Street car park
- establish new crossings over Muddy Creek
- install new lighting to improve security and extend the usage of the facilities
- install new drainage to improve water flow
- provide new amenity block facilities
- build a new skate park or play equipment to be used during construction.



Figure 2: *Ador Park/McCarthy Park Precinct proposed upgrade and facilities (artist's impression)*

Insert: *Proposed new skate park and 'midi' sized synthetic field (artist's impression)*

Returning the East Bicentennial Playing Fields to the community

We are proposing to reinstate the playing fields and see the potential to provide:

- one full size grass field
- one mini size grass field
- two small size grass fields.



2. Brighton Memorial Playing Fields



Figure 3: **Brighton Memorial Playing Fields proposed upgrade and facilities (artist's impression)**

Brighton Memorial Playing Fields are used by local football clubs and Brighton-Le-Sands Public School as an extension of the outdoor playing area for the students. We are proposing to re-configure the playing fields into a mix of grass and synthetic fields. This design will be developed in consultation with all stakeholders including the school, as we understand it is important to maintain the schools current use of this recreation space.

Roads and Maritime is proposing to:

- construct a new full size synthetic field
- establish new smaller sized grass fields
- install new lighting to improve security and extend the usage of the facilities
- install new drainage to improve water flow
- provide new amenity block facilities.



Figure 4: **East Bicentennial Playing Fields proposed upgrade and facilities**

Figure 6: F6 Extension Stage 1 project timeline



Figure 7: F6 Extension Stage 1 community space project timeline

McCarthy Park and Brighton Memorial Playing Fields Review of Environmental Factors (REF)

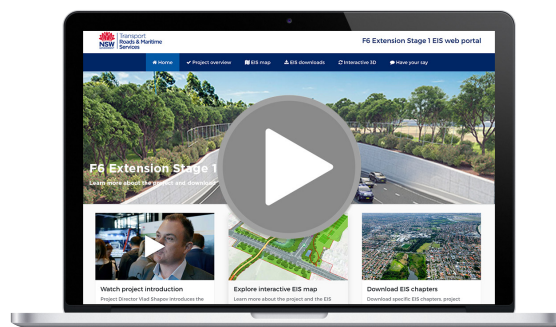


Next steps

The submissions report currently being developed based on the feedback received during the public exhibition of the EIS, will be submitted to DPE as part of the approval process. The report will be made publicly available later in the year.

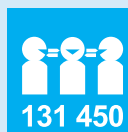
If the project proceeds, Roads and Maritime will continue to liaise with stakeholders and the community during the detailed design, construction and operation phases. This ongoing engagement process will play an important role in reducing the potential impacts and enhancing the benefits of the project for all stakeholders.

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