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Scotland Island Energy Reliability Project Construction work – Drilling update

As you are aware, Ausgrid's contractor Dunstans Construction Group has been drilling between Church Point and Scotland Island, ahead of the installation of a new electricity cable. This cable will improve the reliability of the power supply to Scotland Island.

Dunstans work involves directional drilling a hole to Scotland Island from Church Point and installing conduits (plastic pipes) through the borehole. The cable will then be installed through the conduits.

Progress to date

Drilling work restarted earlier this month. However, due to drilling issues related to widening the borehole at Scotland Island further drilling was halted.

In the last few weeks, Dunstans and Ausgrid have been working to find a solution to complete the work. We appreciate the ongoing patience of nearby residents.

Drilling work will restart in the coming weeks, with the expectation that work in the Church Point carpark is still planned to be completed by the end of October 2020.

Early next week, you may notice barges and divers working in Pittwater to install a temporary submarine pipe between the Church Point construction site and Carols Wharf, Scotland Island. This pipe will be used to reuse the drilling mud in the drilling operations and will be removed when the drilling has been completed.

Dunstans have been working with relevant government agencies and Ausgrid to make sure the proposed temporary submarine pipe complies with environmental measures to protect seagrasses and the waterway, as well as ensuring public safety in Pittwater.

We will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.

Work hours

With statewide changes to construction working hours due to Covid-19, our work hours will be amended as follows:

Monday to Friday	6am to 6.30pm – with drilling work between 7am and 6pm,
Saturday	7.30am to 5.30pm – with drilling work between 8am and 5pm,
Sunday	7.30am to 5.30pm – with drilling work between 8am and 5pm

Please note outside the abovementioned drilling hours, you will notice the project team on site, preparing for the work and carrying out maintenance work on the equipment.

Parking and traffic at Church Point Carpark

The temporary parking restrictions in the Church Point Reserve Carpark will remain in place until the end of October.

Keeping you informed

Ausgrid will issue email notification updates. Residents can register for these updates to be emailed to them at majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au.

For enquiries related to construction, please contact Dunstons on 0490 750 197 (24 hours).

For information related to the project visit our website at www.ausgrid.com.au/scotlandisland. Alternatively, you can contact Ausgrid on 1800 604 765 or majorprojects@ausgrid.com.au.

We apologise for any inconvenience this work may cause you and thank you for your continued patience as we work to complete this important project and improve network reliability in the area.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Woodford', is written over a horizontal line.

Adrian Woodford
Project Director