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RE: Leighton Contractors selected preferred contractor to upgrade Hills M2 motorway

Please find attached a copy of a media release to be issued today by Leighton Contractors Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited.

Yours faithfully,

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Leighton Contractors selected preferred contractor to upgrade Hills M2 motorway

Leighton Contractors has been selected by Transurban Group as preferred contractor for the \$550 million upgrade of the Hills M2 motorway in North West Sydney.

Under the agreement with Transurban, Leighton Contractors will deliver the environmental planning, design and construction of the upgrade project.

Subject to environmental approvals, the Hills M2 upgrade incorporates the widening of existing sections of the roadway from two to three lanes including the Norfolk Rd twin tunnels, the addition of new access ramps, and the upgrade of operational management and control systems.

Mike Metcalfe, General Manager NSW/ACT, Construction Division of Leighton Contractors, said today's announcement reinforced Leighton Contractors' standing in the roads infrastructure market.

"Leighton Contractors has a long and successful track record in the development of Sydney's major arterial roads such as the Eastern Distributor, Westlink M7 and Windsor Road," Mr Metcalfe said.

"Our selection as preferred contractor is the culmination of more than 12 months work with Transurban scoping the Hills M2 upgrade and cements our leadership in major roads infrastructure in NSW.

"We look forward to continuing to work with Transurban over the next three years as we draw on our expertise to design and deliver an exceptional transport solution for Hills M2 motorists."

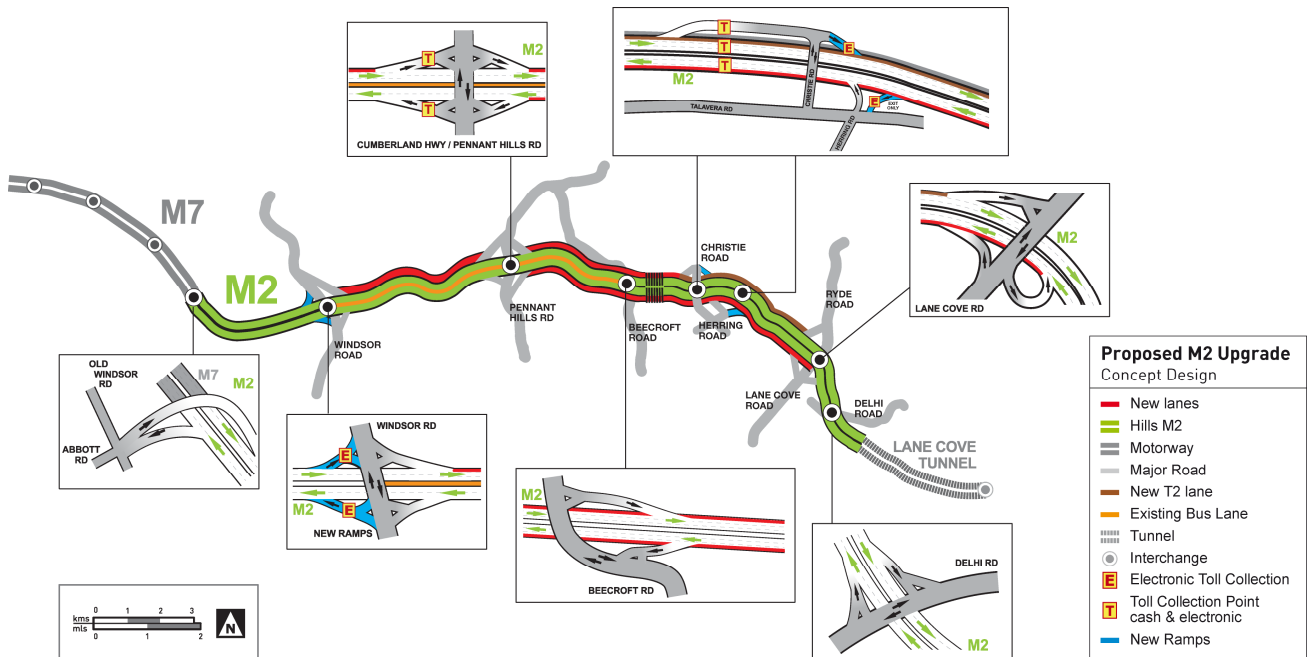
Leighton Contractors will commence work immediately on the environmental approval process which will be carried out in parallel with the detailed design. Construction of the Hills M2 upgrade is scheduled to take two years following environmental approvals and financial close on funding for the project which are expected in late 2010. Completion of the upgrade is expected by late 2012.

Project details

The Hills M2 upgrade will reduce congestion in peak periods and improve access to major growth areas in Sydney's North West region. The project scope includes:

- New West Facing Windsor Road On and Off Ramps
- Additional Eastbound Lane Windsor Road to Pennant Hills Rd
- Additional Eastbound Lane Pennant Hills Rd through M2 Tunnel to Lane Cove Rd which includes a T2 / Bus Lane from Terrys Creek
- New Christie Road Eastbound On Ramp
- New Herring Road Westbound Off Ramp
- Additional Lane Westbound from Lane Cove Road to Pennant Hills Road
- Upgrade of intelligent transport systems that support the Hills M2's operation and control.

Project concept design



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About Leighton Contractors

Leighton Contractors is one of Australia's leading contracting and project development groups with over \$9.0 billion work in hand, employing more than 9,000 people across Australia and New Zealand. The company services clients across a range of industries and sectors including resources, construction, telecommunications, energy, infrastructure and facility management.