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## **Leighton Contractors Secures Operations and Maintenance Contract for the Cross City Tunnel**

As part of the Leighton Group's strategy for the ongoing development of its Operations and Maintenance business Leighton Contractors has secured a 29 year Operations and Maintenance contract for the Cross City Tunnel which during the first five years represents a value of approximately \$45m.

Leighton Contractors has taken a 6% equity position amounting to approximately \$20m in the Cross City Tunnel.

This contract for the Cross City Tunnel has direct synergies with Leighton Contractors existing Operations and Maintenance activities and confirms the Leighton Group's position as one of the largest service providers in the Australian Operations and Maintenance of Tollroads with existing projects including the M7, RiverCity Motorway and Eastern Distributor.

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