



Transport for NSW

Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection

Environmental Impact Statement

Waste management – on land and water

Building infrastructure to transform a city requires large amounts of materials and energy. Where possible we will recycle our resources and seek efficient ways of working to minimise the amount of waste generated.

On land

Most of our waste will take the form of spoil from tunnelling work on the land (about 3 million cubic metres). In general, we will re-use this spoil on site or transport it by truck to other developments to be recycled, or, if not suitable for re-use, dispose of it at licensed locations.

In the water

We will also be removing around 163,000 cubic metres of materials from the Middle Harbour crossing to install the immersed tube tunnels. Around 153,000 of this material is likely to be suitable for offshore disposal at an existing regulated offshore disposal site. Around 10,000 cubic metres may be unsuitable for disposal offshore. This material will be made spadable (a consistency which allows the material to be spaded or shovelled) and transported by barge outside Middle Harbour to be loaded into sealed and covered trucks for transport to a suitably licenced onshore facility for disposal.

For more information please refer to Chapter 24: Resource use and waste management in the EIS

Before we start building, a detailed Construction Environment Management Plan (CEMP) will be developed to detail how the project will preserve, protect and manage any potential impacts to the local environment. The CEMP will need to be approved by Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment (DPIE) before we can start any major construction work.

The CEMP will be a working document, subject to ongoing changes and updated as necessary, to respond to specific requirements or issues. Any handling of contaminated sediments will be carried out in accordance with the CEMP and an Environment Protection Licence issued by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

We will continue to have a dedicated team of environmental specialists who oversee this process.

We will be removing materials from the seabed and immersed tube tunnel construction by using barges. Some dredged material associated with the construction of the crossing of Middle Harbour will be suitable for offshore disposal. We have submitted an application to the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment for offshore disposal of suitable dredged material. We will transport suitable dredged material to the offshore disposal site using barges.

We will transport any dredged material not suitable for offshore disposal to a facility outside Middle Harbour where it will be made spadable and then loaded onto trucks for disposal at a land-based, licensed facility.

Seabed dredging

To get ready to place the immersed tube tunnel units to build across Middle Harbour, we will need to prepare the seabed. This will involve creating a partial trench for the immersed tube tunnel to lie in.

Most of the middle section of the immersed tube tunnels crossing Middle Harbour will be located on the existing seabed. This means we will not require a trench for the middle portion, reducing the amount of dredging required for the Middle Harbour crossing.

The dredging method we use will depend on what type of material we are removing, for example we use different equipment to remove rock than we do for sediment.

In planning our work and selecting our equipment, we have carried out marine ecology surveys, sediment testing and modelled water movements to confirm we have a strong understanding of the marine environment. We will be using a number of safeguards to manage the potential impacts to ecologically sensitive areas.

Removing materials from the seabed

We will use one of two methods to remove materials from the seabed depending on what type of material we are removing.

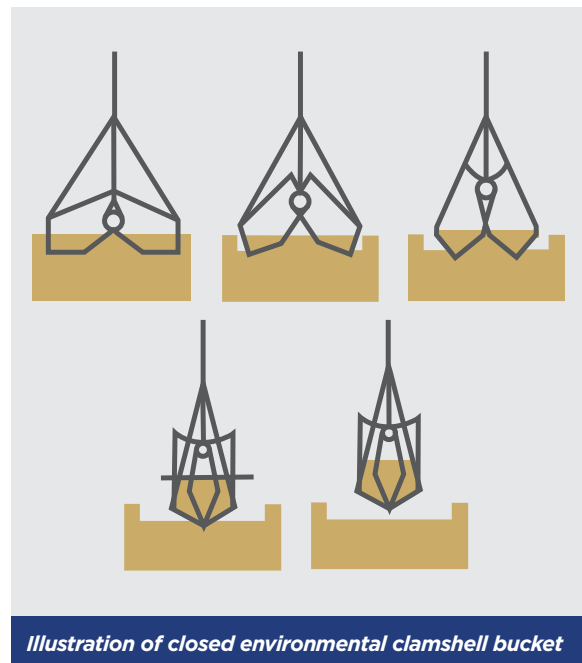
1. Backhoe dredge with closed environmental clamshell bucket

To remove some of the softer material from the seabed a closed environmental clamshell bucket will be used. This is a closed bucket attached to a large backhoe dredger. This is used to minimise the spread of material into the water as it is being removed and to allow for materials to be loaded directly onto barges.

Type of material

There will be two different types of material being removed by this method:

- soft sediments which are not suitable for reuse or offshore disposal. They will be tested and treated before being disposed of at a licenced facility on land.
- clean soft sediments suitable for offshore disposal. They will be transported by barge to be disposed of at the offshore disposal site.

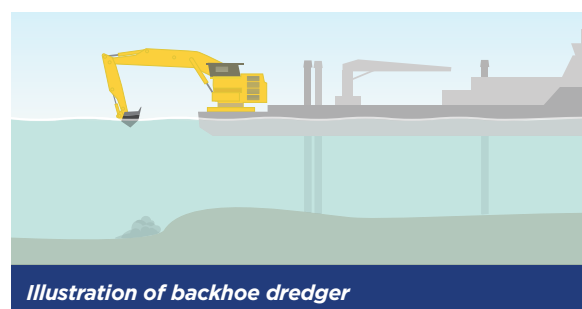


2. Backhoe dredge with rotating cutter head

A rotating cutter head will be used to cut and fragment rock underwater. After the material is cut using the cutter head, a backhoe will lift the materials from the water and load it into a barge. This material will be transported by barge to the approved offshore disposal site for disposal.

Type of material

- rock suitable for offshore disposal.



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1. Visit DPIE's Major Projects website at planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects
2. Create a user account by clicking the 'Sign In' icon in the top right of the homepage or under the 'Services' tab and then click the 'Have Your Say' link
3. When you are logged in, find the Beaches Link and Gore Hill Freeway Connection project and click the 'Make a Submission' icon.

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1. your name and address, at the top of the letter only
2. the name of the application and application number: SSI_8862
3. a statement on whether you support or object to the proposal
4. the reasons why you support or object to the proposal
5. a declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous two years.

You can post your submission to:

Attention: Director, Transport Assessments
Planning & Assessment, Department of Planning
Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124

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**Submissions must be received by
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