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Briefing Paper – Sydney Gateway opening

Purpose	To provide an overview on the upcoming opening of Sydney Gateway, targeting 1 September 2024
Recommendation	For noting

Sydney Gateway

- Sydney Gateway is opening in stages between November 2023 and September 2024.
 - **Flyover to the Domestic Terminals: Opened November 2023**
Freight trucks using Qantas Drive to access Port Botany now have an improved journey around the Domestic Terminals as east-bound vehicles travelling to the Airport use the new Flyover.
 - **International terminal connection & New Link Road: Opened November 2023**
Freight trucks travelling eastbound, that would usually access the International Terminal from Airport Drive, are already using the Twin Arch bridge and travelling onto the new Link Road.
 - **New Airport Drive / Twin Arch bridges: Opened February 2024 & April 2024**
Freight trucks travelling in both directions will access Sydney Airport international freight terminal from the new Link Road connection.
 - **St Peters Interchange connection: Target opening date 1 September 2024**
Sydney Gateway will connect with St Peters Interchange. Comprehensive driver education campaign is part of the opening plan.
- No additional toll to use Sydney Gateway.

Benefits for freight

- Sydney Gateway will provide the option for trucks to by-pass local Mascot streets and use high-capacity road network via St Peters Interchange (from M8 and from M4-M8 Link tunnels) and widened Qantas Drive.
 - The Deborah Lawrie Flyover separates trucks travelling to Port Botany from vehicles accessing the Domestic Terminals, improving traffic movements.
 - Dedicated freight access into the international freight terminal has been maintained via New Link Road.
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Network changes

- There will be new road connections from St Peters Interchange, M8 exit heading from M4-M8 Link or M5/M8 tunnels. We are preparing a flyover video and driver animations and they will be on the project website before opening.
- There may be periods of disruption around the Airport Precinct as people adjust to the new roads and conditions.
- While travel times to and from the airport precinct, using Sydney Gateway, will improve, congestion in and around the airport remains.
- Transport is looking at short-term measures, such as traffic signal enhancements, to manage traffic flow on the adjoining local road network after opening.

Tolling

- No additional tolls apply from the WestConnex M8 tunnel / M4-M8 Link exits at St Peters Interchange to Airport and Port Botany.
- WestConnex applies distance-based tolling which means that motorists only pay for the sections of road they use.
- [Linkt Toll Calculator](#).
- Class B vehicles can benefit from the truck multiplier toll rebate, receiving a rebate of one-third of their trip travelled on the M5 East and M8.
- More about the [Truck multiplier rebate trial](#).

Communication

- **Learn your journey:** We have developed a traffic change video and 8 driver view animations to show the journeys available to drivers using the new M8 tunnel exits at St Peters Interchange to Airport and Port Botany. The animations are available on our [project website](#) and the WestConnex 'Plan your Journey' tool - [Plan Your Journey on WestConnex | WestConnex](#).
- Our [Traffic change factsheet](#) can be downloaded and distributed to your wider network.
- Restricted access vehicle networks will be updated on the [National Network Map](#) on the opening date. An example of what this will look like is provided in the presentation. Note: Heavy vehicle operators should always check the National Network Map prior to travel.
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