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IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION ABOUT HOW WE CAN BETTER INFORM YOU ABOUT CHANGES TO EXCLUSION ZONES

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Construction has commenced on the new bridge over Iron Cove. To maximise the safety of both waterway users and our bridge workers exclusion zones will be established on Iron Cove. The first exclusion zone was established in late July and various arrangements will be in place over the next 12-18 months. At least two navigable spans will be available for waterway passage at all times.

The construction team will, at times, need to respond to unforeseen changes in site conditions on the water. This means that changes to the exclusion zones may need to be implemented at very short notice.

The RTA recognises the need to inform waterway users quickly of changes to the navigable channels under Iron Cove Bridge and has implemented the following measures:

- 1) The RTA has assigned a number to each pier on the existing bridge and will assign a corresponding number to each pier on the new bridge (as it is constructed).
- 2) If it becomes necessary to implement an unplanned exclusion zone at short notice, a notification will be sent to registered waterways users by email and/or SMS text message prior to the change being implemented. The notification will advise which channels will be **open** for waterway passage and when the change will become effective.

This procedure will complement the existing method of advising of planned exclusion zone arrangements by written notification and uploading to the RTA and NSW Maritime websites.

In all circumstances, waterway users should observe the navigation controls and approach the area near Iron Cove Bridge with caution. All work will be conducted in accordance with safety and emergency response procedures in the project's safety management plans.

Waterway users are encouraged to register with the project's waterway users group to receive regular notifications about changes to the exclusion zones at Iron Cove by SMS or email. To register please call the Community Relations team on 1300 780 841 or visit www.innerwestbusway.com.au.

Want more information?

If you would like further information please call the community information line on 1300 780 841. This number will be advertised on all correspondence, noticeboards, signage and speed marker buoys. Further information is available on the project website at www.innerwestbusway.com.au or by emailing victoriaroad@btba.com.au.