



Sydney International Speedway Environmental Impact Statement

Newsletter



The NSW Government is delivering a new world-class speedway – an exciting addition to the existing motorsport precinct at Eastern Creek, creating a true motorplex for the NSW and Australian motorsport racing community and a destination for racing events in Western Sydney.

Working in collaboration with Speedway Australia and leading motorsport experts, this project has been designed to support several divisions of racing.

The project will boost investment in Western Sydney and support the local economy by creating about 150 construction jobs.

Operation of the new Sydney International Speedway will be managed by Western Sydney Parklands Trust, as part of the wider motorsport precinct.

A masterplanning process to determine the longer term vision for the precinct, is underway and being led by Western Sydney Parklands Trust in association with the NSW Office of Sport.

Sydney Metro has worked closely with the NSW Office of Sport and Western Sydney Parklands Trust in planning for the new speedway and consulted with motorsport operators, including Sydney Dragway.

Have your say

The formal planning process has commenced for the new speedway at Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motor Sports.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the project has been submitted to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and you can have your say until 16 September 2020.

The EIS outlines the proposed design and works required to build the speedway. It also includes a detailed environmental assessment of the project including operation of the new speedway.

Stakeholders and members of the community are invited to provide feedback on the EIS to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment which will then be considered in assessing the project.

Minor work to prepare and establish the site for construction of the speedway is also being formally assessed by Sydney Metro.

Front cover: An artist's impression of the new Sydney International Speedway at Eastern Creek.

A new world-class speedway for Western Sydney



Speedway racing has a large fan base, offering fun and affordable entertainment for families and motorsport fans alike. The new speedway would be a key contributor to the NSW economy and support tourism in Western Sydney, bringing in interstate and overseas competitors, crews and spectators.

The current speedway site, located on Government-owned land at Clyde, is required to house a future stabling and maintenance facility for the Sydney Metro West project, a State significant project for New South Wales.

The new speedway is proposed to be built on land owned and managed by Western Sydney Parklands Trust.

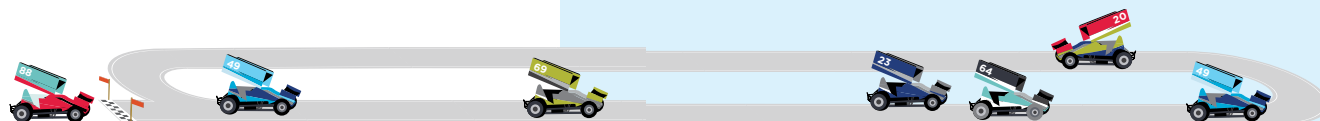
Subject to planning approvals, construction is planned to commence in the second half of 2020 and is expected to be completed by the start of the speedway racing season in 2021.



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The new speedway would feature

-  A new world-class clay-based racetrack for speedway cars including sprint, wingless sprint, street stockers, V8 dirt modified and Formula 500 cars
-  A new grandstand and terraced seating that could accommodate up to 7000 spectators
-  Public amenities, corporate boxes, food, beverage and merchandise outlets
-  Dedicated parking for speedway competitors and spectators, in addition to 2200 dedicated dragway parking spaces
-  Additional overflow parking with flexibility to be used for dragway events
-  The creation of dual egress from the precinct by creating a new southern exit from the raceway pit area via a new intersection to be built off Ferrers Road
-  A dedicated competitor pit area to service the speedway
-  Workshops, garages and trackside support services



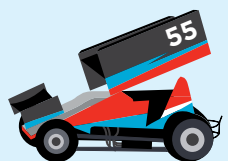
Continuing to grow and support Western Sydney's economy

Locating the new speedway at Eastern Creek would boost investment in Western Sydney and support the local economy by creating about 150 construction jobs.

The project would support the objectives of the Greater Sydney Region Plan – A Metropolis of Three Cities (Greater Sydney Commission, 2018) to provide more access to sporting facilities and support population growth in Western Sydney.



By 2036
3.2 million people
will live in Western Sydney
– that's about 50 per cent
of Sydney's population



Speedway racing nationally, alongside other motorsport codes, generates more than

16,000 direct jobs
including almost
5,000 jobs per year
generated by
motorsport events

The new speedway would support tourism in Western Sydney by attracting between

4,000 and 6,000 spectators
from across NSW, interstate and overseas for each major event



Building the speedway will directly
create about 150 jobs

Working with stakeholders and the Sydney Dragway



Sydney Metro has been working with the projects closest neighbour – Sydney Dragway – as well as industry bodies, State and local government, business groups and the wider motorsport community to design and plan for the speedway.

Early engagement has helped to shape elements of the project including:

- retaining the full earth mound between the dragway and proposed speedway, as a natural dust barrier
- additional dust mitigation measures, including a dust barrier and real-time dust monitoring during speedway operation

- the addition of a southern exit from the precinct to assist in managing construction and traffic during events
- locating dragway and speedway parking for ease of access for both motorsport codes.

Early engagement has also shaped agreements around the flexible use of parking between the dragway and speedway to accommodate major events.

Sydney Metro will continue to work closely with Sydney Dragway as the project is refined during design development.

A masterplan for Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motorsport Precinct

Western Sydney Parklands Trust, in association with the NSW Office of Sport, is developing a masterplan for Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motorsport Precinct. The Motorsport Precinct Masterplan will be developed in consultation with motorsport operators and will include a plan for the entire motorsport precinct.

The masterplan will identify a vision for the precinct and opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and sustainability of motorsport activities within the precinct.

Some of the opportunities that could be considered as part of the masterplan include:

- recreation and community facilities
- entertainment, events and exhibition spaces and facilities
- motorsports related education events and facilities
- new tourism facilities.

Western Sydney Parklands Trust will continue to engage with stakeholders on the vision for the precinct and is expecting to release plans later in the year.

Planning the new speedway

Speedway location

The new speedway would be located within the existing Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5: Eastern Creek Motorsport Precinct alongside the existing Sydney Dragway and to the south of Sydney Motorsports Park.

A map of the proposed speedway location is shown overleaf.

The planning process

Sydney Metro has prepared and submitted an EIS to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment which includes the proposed design, and work to build the speedway. It also includes a detailed environmental assessment of the project including operation of the speedway.

To deliver the new speedway, Sydney Metro is also assessing minor work to prepare the site including:

- establishing temporary car parking for the dragway
- establishing ancillary facilities
- constructing haulage roads
- setting up environmental exclusion zones
- implementing erosion and sedimentation controls
- establishing construction access from Ferrers Road.

These minor works would begin as soon as possible subject to planning approval.

Planning process for the new speedway



Environmental Impact Statement Summary

Environmental management

Specific measures to manage and mitigate potential environmental impacts have been identified as part of the EIS.

A Construction Environmental Management Framework has also been developed to detail Sydney Metro's approach to environmental management and monitoring during construction.

An Operational Environmental Management Plan would be developed and implemented by the speedway operator, in agreement with Western Sydney Parklands Trust, to ensure appropriate management of operational impacts, in particular dust mitigation and control and traffic.

Parking and access

Sydney Metro has worked closely with precinct stakeholders to adjust the proposed parking arrangements across the precinct.

Changes would include dedicated parking for both speedway and dragway competitors and spectators with flexibility to utilise parking across the precinct to ensure ample parking for large events.

To make way for the new speedway, existing dragway parking located in the south of the precinct would be relocated to an expanded car park adjacent to the dragway grandstand. This car park would continue to provide easy access to the dragway with a similar walking distance to the dragway entry as the southern car park.

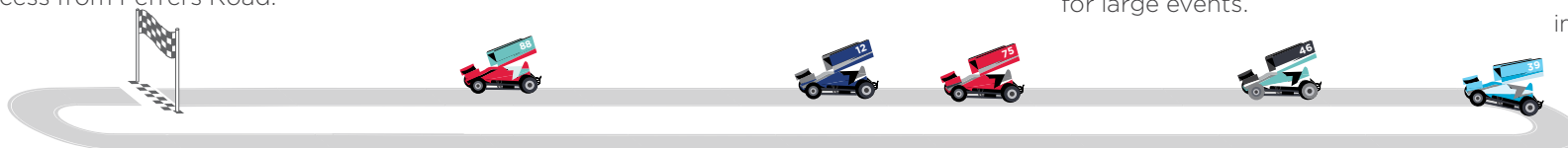
A new southern exit from the precinct, in addition to the current northern entry and exit, would provide dual exit points for better traffic flow during big events.

A map of the proposed parking changes is shown to the left.

Traffic and vehicles during construction

Safety is our number one priority at Sydney Metro. To ensure the safety of the community and spectators, construction vehicles would enter the speedway site at the south of the precinct via a new dedicated construction entry off Ferrers Road. Trucks would not be required to cross any footpaths to access the site.

Truck movements and deliveries would be timed and managed to minimise impacts on events at Sydney Dragway.



Dust management

Sydney Metro has worked closely with precinct stakeholders to ensure dust can be managed and mitigated as much as possible during construction and operation of the speedway.

During construction dust levels would be monitored and best practice dust mitigation measures would be used including wetting down construction areas, roads and truck tyres, and covering construction areas with geofabric.

Any works likely to generate dust would be avoided during planned events at Sydney Dragway.

The speedway would include physical barriers along the western and northern boundaries of the speedway to manage and mitigate dust during operation. Real-time dust monitors would be installed to alert the operator when further dust management measures would be required and the current mound between the dragway and new speedway site would also remain intact, providing another layer of protection from dust.

Noise management

Building the speedway

Noise from construction of the speedway is not expected to be overly noticeable for the majority of nearby residents because of the distance between the proposed speedway site and houses.

Subject to planning approvals, construction of the project may occur 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with more noise intensive activities planned to occur during the day.

Construction activities would also be coordinated to avoid disturbing motorsport events being held within the precinct.

Noise would be managed in accordance with the Sydney Metro Construction Noise and Vibration Standard including the use of reasonable and feasible mitigation measures.

Speedway operation

The new speedway would generally operate between September and May each year. It is anticipated that there would typically be one event per week that would typically conclude by 10pm.

The future speedway operator would be subject to noise control limits, and speedway events are expected to produce noise levels in a range that is comparable to, or lower than, noise levels from existing motorsport events within the precinct.

Noise levels are expected to be similar for the operation of a single speedway event or when a speedway event is held at the same time as an event for another motorsport code within the precinct. Where possible speedway and dragway events will be coordinated to avoid events occurring at the same time.



The speedway virtual information room.

Our place managers

Sydney Metro has dedicated community relations specialists called place managers who can be contacted for further information about the project. Their role is to act as a single, direct contact between members of the community and the project team.



Members of the Sydney Metro team engaging with the community.

Visit our virtual room

Sydney Metro is making project information as easy to access as possible. We want to connect with you so you can find out what you need to know, learn more about the new Sydney International Speedway and have your say. Our virtual room is now available to help you navigate the project just like you would at a community information session.

The virtual room includes links to project information boards, the planning documents, information from the experts and a map to explore a 3D view of the project. Our virtual room is available at: sydneymetro.info/speedwayvirtual



A brief history of speedway racing in Sydney

Speedway racing in Australia started in the early 1900s and gained popularity in NSW when tracks opened at Maitland and Sydney Showground in the early 1920s. Both tracks quickly became world famous.

Official speedway events around the country started in the 1930s and 1940s, including events at the Granville Speedway in Clyde which briefly operated car and motorcycle racing between 1932 and 1936.

The 1950s saw the rise of 'crash and bash' stock car racing with the first meeting at Sydney Showground drawing an estimated 40,000 spectators. Earlier speedway cars used during the 1950s and 1960s evolved into the sprint cars and V8 dirt modified cars that are well known to speedway racing fans today.

The 1970s led the way for sedan racing and in 1977 the Parramatta City Raceway in Clyde, formerly the Granville Speedway, reopened its doors.

In 1996 the Sydney Speedway at the former Sydney Showground was closed and speedway racing in Sydney became concentrated at the current raceway in Clyde, which has entertained families and motorsports fans alike for over four decades.

In 2021 speedway racing in Sydney will be relocated from Clyde to a new home at Eastern Creek, joining other motorsport codes and creating a new world-class speedway for Western Sydney.



Sprint car image courtesy of Ash Media.

The new Sydney International Speedway at Western Sydney Parklands' Precinct 5



Getting in touch

The Sydney Metro team is here to provide you with information about the speedway, and to help you find out more about the planning process.

If you are having difficulty accessing any of the information available please contact us and we'll make arrangements to assist you.



Visit **planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects** to view the full EIS.



Visit **sydnymetro.info** to sign up for speedway email.



Call **1800 612 173** to talk to our dedicated place manager.



Email **sydnymetrowest@transport.nsw.gov.au** and we'll get back to you.

Have your say

Anyone may make a submission, in any language, about the EIS to The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

The Department will then collate submissions and publish them on their website. The issues raised in the submissions will be considered before the project is assessed and a determination is made.

Your submission must reach The Department by 16 September 2020.



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How to make a submission

Online: **planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects** and follow the 'on exhibition' links

Write a letter to:

**Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning,
Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022 Parramatta NSW 2124**

Your letter must include:

1. Your name and address, at the top of the letter only
2. The name of the application and the application number (SSI-10048)
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.

If you have any questions about this process you can contact The NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment.

Call: **1300 305 695**

Email: **information@planning.nsw.gov.au**

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