

# Guide to using NorthConnex for trucks and buses

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*Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills*

NorthConnex is a nine kilometre twin tunnel motorway, providing a seamless connection between the M1 Pacific Motorway at Wahroonga and the M2 Hills Motorway at West Pennant Hills. The \$3 billion project is being delivered by Transurban in partnership with the Australian and NSW Governments. NorthConnex is expected to open in 2020.

NorthConnex will deliver faster, safer, more reliable and more efficient journeys for road users. It will also return local roads to local communities, improve air quality along Pennant Hills Road and reduce congestion and noise. We will only be able to deliver the benefits of NorthConnex by removing some of the truck and bus traffic from Pennant Hills Road.

## Benefits of NorthConnex for you and your business

**15 mins** Up to **travel time Saving**

Avoid **21** sets of **traffic lights** along Pennant Hills Road

Bypass **40** sets of **traffic lights** on the Pacific Highway to the centre of Sydney

**Traffic light free** journey from Newcastle to Melbourne

**Reduce maintenance** costs with less stop/start wear and tear

**Improve** the efficient movement of **state and national freight**

**Wider lanes,** plus a breakdown lane to minimise delays from incidents

**5.1 metre** clearance

A straighter, flatter route for **improved fuel efficiency**

# Changes to using Pennant Hills Road

When NorthConnex opens in 2020, trucks and buses (over 12.5 metres long or over 2.8 metres clearance height) travelling between the M1 and M2 must use the tunnels unless they have a genuine delivery or pick up destination only accessible via Pennant Hills Road.

Two gantries will monitor trucks and buses on Pennant Hills Road – in the north at Normanhurst and in the south at Beecroft / West Pennant Hills.

Cameras in the gantries will record the height and length of trucks and buses.

Trucks and buses (over 12.5 metres long or over 2.8 metres clearance height) which pass both gantries with the flow of traffic will receive a fine of \$194 with no loss of demerit points.

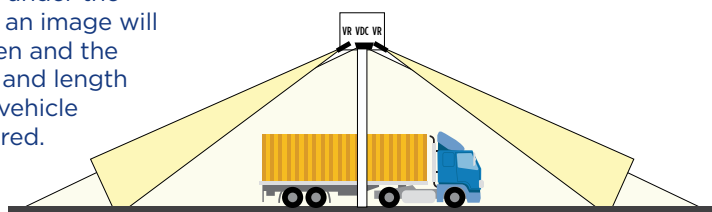
Drivers will pass a warning sign on routes approaching the Pennant Hills Road gantries.

A similar regulatory sign will be placed near the gantry structures.

As a truck or bus passes under the gantry an image will be taken and the height and length of the vehicle registered.



Gantry measures height and length



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Revenue NSW  
(issues penalty notice to registered owner)

Only trucks and buses that pass under both gantries with the flow of traffic will be checked for compliance with the regulation (if they are not eligible to use Pennant Hills Road).

Only non-complying vehicles will be issued with a penalty notice (\$194, no demerit points).

## Who can use Pennant Hills Road?

**✗** You **WILL NOT** be able to use Pennant Hills Road between the M1 and the M2 (unless you have a local destination only accessible by Pennant Hills Road) if you are a:

- Truck or bus over 12.5 metres long
- Truck or bus over 2.8 metres clearance height
- A Class 1 vehicle up to: 2.5 metres wide; and 4.6 metres clearance height; and 25 metres long
- A Class 2 or 3 vehicle (which may currently be operating under a permit or notice approved to use Pennant Hills Road but will no longer be permitted once NorthConnex opens)

**✓** You **WILL** be able to use Pennant Hills Road OR NorthConnex if you are a:

- Truck or bus 12.5 metres long or less and 2.8 metres clearance height or less
- Truck or bus (over 12.5 metres long or over 2.8 metres clearance height) with a delivery or pick up destination only accessible by Pennant Hills Road
- Recreational vehicle (eg. motorhome or car towing a caravan, trailer, boat or horse float)
- Light vehicle (eg. car)
- Emergency service vehicle

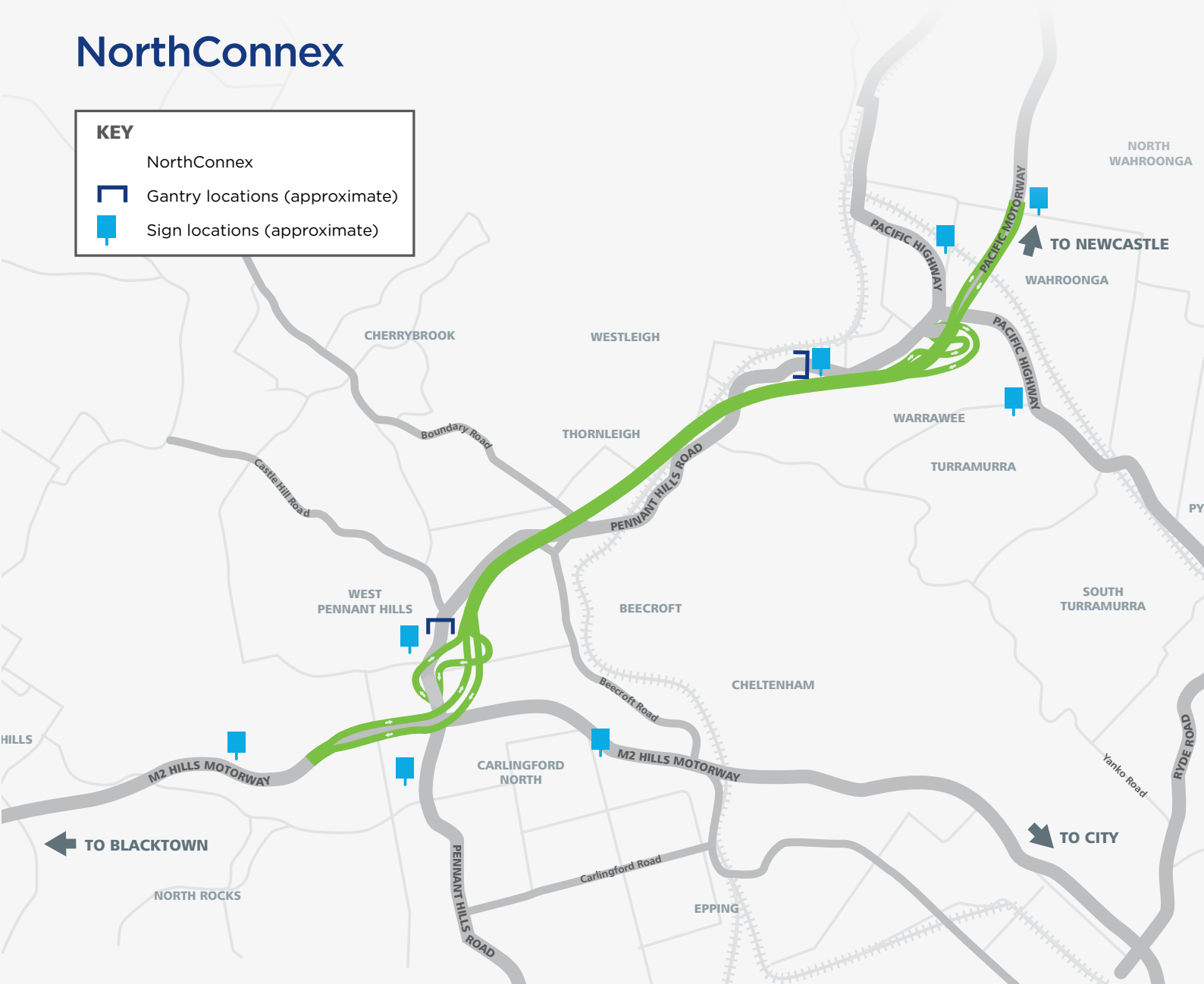
**✓** You **WILL ONLY** be able to use Pennant Hills Road NOT NorthConnex if you are:

- A vehicle transporting dangerous goods with a dangerous goods placard or sign
- An oversize vehicle operating under a Class 1 permit or notice approved to use Pennant Hills Road

# NorthConnex

**KEY**

- NorthConnex
- Gantry locations (approximate)
- Sign locations (approximate)



## Benefits of NorthConnex for the community



**Up to 5,000 trucks per day**  
off Pennant Hills Road and into tunnel

**Better connections**  
for people living, working  
and travelling along  
Pennant Hills Road



**Less noise**  
for local residents  
and businesses




**Safer** for  
school students,  
pedestrians and  
cyclists



Reduced congestion and  
**improved air quality**  
along Pennant Hills Road



Provide  
opportunities for  
**improved  
public transport**



Artist's impression of NorthConnex

## Planning your trip

If you are a truck or bus driver, you will need to know your vehicle dimensions and plan your trip.

Large signs will be placed well ahead of all entry points to NorthConnex and Pennant Hills Road, giving you plenty of time to choose the correct route or lane.

## Tolls

NorthConnex tolls will be \$7.91 for cars and \$23.73 for heavy vehicles, based on 1 July 2020 pricing.

Tolls also apply on other motorways around Sydney. For more information on Sydney's motorway network and tolls, please visit [roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydney-motorways](http://roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au/sydney-motorways)

## Working with industry

To ensure the road freight and private bus industry can plan for the new regulation, we are sharing information well ahead of the opening of NorthConnex in 2020. We will keep you up to date with NorthConnex progress at a range of industry events.

If you would like to register to receive updates on NorthConnex and this regulation please email us on [northconnex@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:northconnex@rms.nsw.gov.au)



## Contact us

For more information on heavy vehicles and NorthConnex:

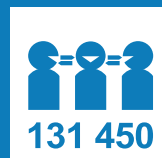
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