



ASX Announcement

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Forrestfield Airport Link (FAL) – Tunnel Boring Machines Update issued by Public Transport Authority

NRW Holdings Limited (ASX:NWH) advises that the attached update has been released by the Public Transport Authority of Western Australia in respect to the FAL Project.

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About NRW Holdings Limited:

NRW is a diversified provider of contract services to the resources and infrastructure sectors in Australia and internationally. With extensive operations in Western Australia and Queensland, NRW's geographical diversification is complemented by its delivery of a wide range of operations. These encompass civil expertise including bulk earthworks and concrete installation; contract mining and drill and blast. NRW also encompasses a comprehensive refurbishment and rebuild service for earthmoving equipment and machinery.

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Temporary suspension of second TBM on Forrestfield-Airport Link

The second of the Forrestfield-Airport Link's two tunnel-boring machines (TBMs) has been temporarily halted today.

TBM Sandy stopped when it came within 40m – the minimum distance – of the stationary TBM Grace.

Grace stopped tunnelling on February 14 after encountering some minor ground disturbance issues when travelling through difficult terrain, the Ascot formation.

Though Sandy has not experienced the same ground disturbance issues, it is widely-accepted best practice that two TBMs should not be positioned side-by-side during tunnelling.

The tunnelling contractor is undertaking a detailed review of their operating procedures as a result of the incidents with Grace. Specialist advisers from the TBM manufacturer have visited the site to review tunnelling operations.

An independent international expert has been engaged to review tunnelling procedures and ensure lessons learned are incorporated into operations.

The Public Transport Authority, contractor Salini Impregilio - NRW and Perth Airport are working closely to allow full tunnelling operations to resume as soon as possible.

It is expected that Grace – and subsequently Sandy – will be able to resume tunnelling in the coming weeks, once a number of investigations into the earlier ground disturbances are complete.

Meanwhile, work continues on the construction of Airport Central Station and the dive structure at Bayswater Junction.

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