

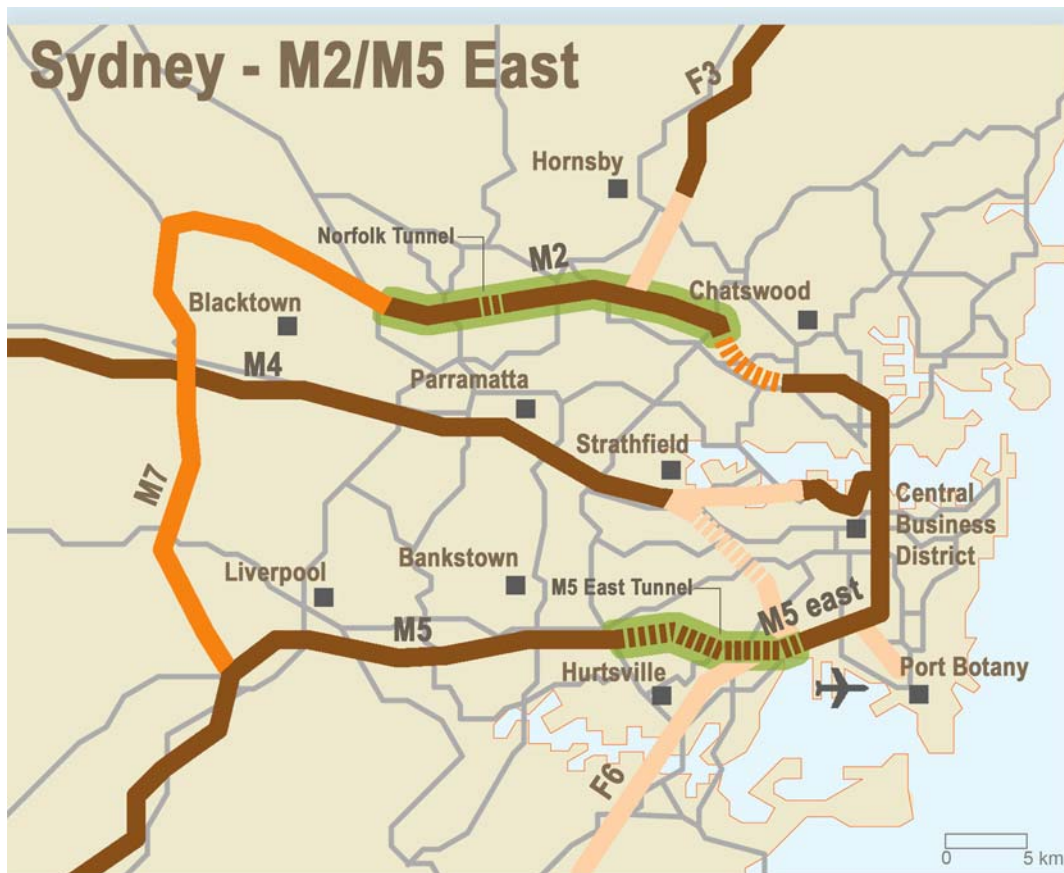


**Egis Projects strengthens its presence in motorway operations in Australia**

At the end of 2005, Egis Projects signed an agreement with Transurban for the sale of its 50% ownership in Tollaust, the company that has been operating and maintaining the M2 Motorway in Sydney since its opening in May 1997. The sale agreement became effective on 1 May 2006.

As part of this agreement, Egis Projects and Transurban have negotiated a new operations agreement which involves the traffic management of the M2 Motorway for a 5 year period, commencing on the 15 May 2006. This requires the day to day operation of the Traffic Control Room, including the coordination of the incidence response on the M2.

This new contract will be managed by Transroute International (Egis Projects' subsidiary for motorway operation), through a new Australian company, Transroute Australia Pty Ltd.



**Egis' involvement in the M2 Motorway (Sydney)**

The 22 km long M2 motorway is an important part of Sydney ring road system, which will be completed with the opening of the Lane Cove Tunnel anticipated in early 2007. The M2

includes a tunnel, bridges, interface with the M7 (Sydney's newest tollroad) and the Lane Cove Tunnel.

Sydney's M2 was the most complex and challenging tollroad project of its time in Australia. Back in 1997, Egis was a key member of the consortium setting up the operating company, Tollaust Pty Ltd in partnership with a leading Australian road constructor, Abigroup Ltd.

Recently the tollroad was upgraded to allow free flow electronic tolling while maintaining manual tolling facilities. During this 6 month project, Egis assisted in the delivery of the project through the provision of project management services.



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**Transroute International**, a subsidiary of Groupe Egis, is highly specialized in the operation and maintenance of motorways and tunnels. The company is already present through its subsidiaries in Europe (France, Greece, Poland, Portugal, Ireland, Croatia and the UK) and outside Europe (Australia, Korea and the Philippines). This new subsidiary enables Transroute International to strengthen its global leadership in the field of motorway operation and maintenance worldwide.

**Groupe Egis** is a subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts Group, with €375 million revenue in 2005 and 3800 employees worldwide. It is one of the world's leading companies in transport infrastructure engineering, providing full service solutions comprising engineering, major project development and the operation of motorway concessions. At the end of 2005, its 14 operating companies (9 in Europe, 3 in Australia, 2 in Asia) had nearly 1000 km of motorways under contract of which 900 km are currently in service. With this motorway network, Egis is one of the leading French operator of motorways outside France.

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