WHAT IS A TUNNEL LAYDOWN AREA?

As part of the T2D Project we will be establishing a laydown area for each tunnel, primarily to support tunnelling operations.

Like similar-sized projects around Australia, the T2D tunnel laydown areas will be used to:

- Provide sufficient space to assemble, commission and launch the tunnel boring machines (TBMs)
- House machinery, equipment and sheds to support the construction of the tunnels and new motorway
- Facilitate the delivery of materials necessary to construct the tunnels such as precast lining segments and the removal of spoil excavated by the TBMs
- Establish worker facilities and office spaces

Upon completion, the laydown area will be transformed into the new motorway, connecting the Darlington to the tunnel.