

# Tunnel Drainage

Station Box Floor, Cavidrain Invert, Sydney Metro, Australia



## Project Description

Sydney Metro is Australia's largest public transport project. Once complete, the Metro will deliver 31 metro stations and more than 66 km of new metro rail, revolutionising the way Australia's biggest city travels. Sydney Metro Northwest is the first stage of the Metro and will be the first fully-automated metro rail system in Australia.

## The Challenge

The Northwest project involved building 15 km twin tunnels and the construction of eight new railway stations and 4,000 commuter car parking spaces. Five new underground stations were constructed at Bella Vista, Norwest, Showground, Castle Hill and Cherrybrook. Consulting engineer Mott MacDonald was engaged by the contractor to undertake detailed design of each underground station. Mott MacDonald recognised that creating a long-term dry station required not just a good waterproofing system but also hydrostatic pressure relief behind the waterproofing. In addition, the engineer needed a system that would combat the oxides in the ground water known to clog traditional pipe systems.

## The Solution

Identifying the successful use of Cavidrain Invert in the Legacy Way Tunnel in Brisbane, Mott MacDonald approached ABG to assist in the detailed design of the underground stations.

## Project Information

Client New South Wales Government

Contractor Northwest Rapid Transit

Consultant Mott MacDonald

Products Cavidrain Invert

Quantity 30,000m<sup>2</sup>

- Benefits
- Reduced installation requirements
  - Increased drainage capacity
  - Minimised damage caused by mineral calcification
  - Proven and reliable drainage system



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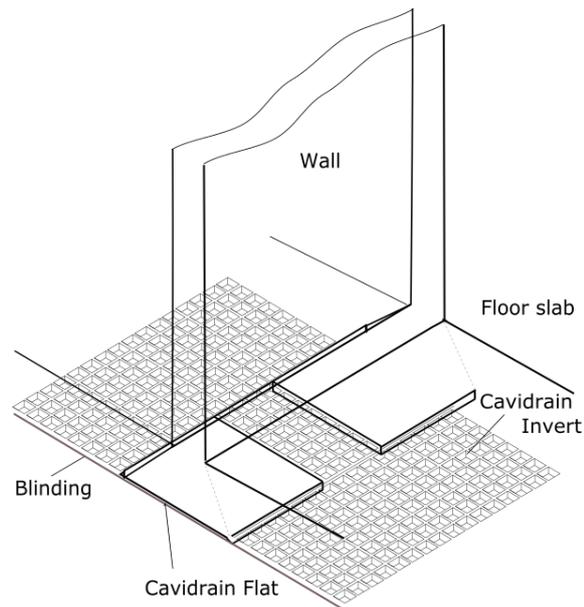
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**Cavidrain Invert** was chosen by the engineer to form a drainage network under the floor of each station. This system enabled enzymes that dissolve the oxide precipitates to be added periodically. **Cavidrain**, with its multiple inter-connected flow channels, is particularly resistant to precipitate formation and allows ground water to flow safely under the station box from tunnel to tunnel. **Cavidrain Invert** was laid on to the blinded rock formation and the concrete slab cast in to **Cavidrain**. Once set, **Cavidrain** therefore becomes as strong as the concrete itself.

## The ABG Service

**ABG** provided design support including drainage and bearing area calculations, produced shop drawings, and detailed installation advice. **ABG** customised the manufacture of **Cavidrain** to suit project requirements, and delivered on time to allow the project to meet tight timescales.



Extract from shop drawing illustrating Cavidrain wall channel detailing



Installed panels of Cavidrain ready to receive concrete



Ongoing construction after casting of floor slab

Contact ABG today to discuss your project specific requirements and discover how ABG past experience and innovative products can help on your project.