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Western Power transmission line along Thomas Road



## Service relocations progressing on the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project

As works continue across the project area, you will notice increased activity as major utility services are relocated to make way for the upgraded road network. This is a key stage of construction and must be completed before permanent road works can progress.

Service relocations ensure essential utilities such as power and water continue to operate safely and reliably while construction progress continues to advance. By staging these works carefully, the project can move forward while maintaining critical services for the local community.

As part of the project, Western Power infrastructure is currently being relocated and upgraded across the alignment. This includes works to the overhead transmission line along Thomas Road between Kargotich Road and

Alexander Road, as well as undergrounding works at key locations. Water Corporation relocation works are scheduled to commence from 9 March 2026, near the intersection of Hopkinson Road and Jersey Road (see map below) and are expected to continue through to April 2026.



Utility providers will provide advanced notice to residents if any outages are required.

## What's happening now?

Current activities across the project area include:

- Haulage operations will continue during day and night shift until mid-2026.
- Site preparation works continue, including clearing, mulching, topsoil removal, and placement of fill material.
- Construction of retaining walls and installation of drainage infrastructure is ongoing across the project.
- Utility works have commenced, including relocations of telecommunications, overhead power lines, and Water Corporation services.

## Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road

Work has begun to upgrade the drainage network along Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road, with the team currently installing drainage pits and pipes. The existing open drainage network and storm water containment is also being realigned along Thomas Road.

With the eastbound lanes closed between Kargotich Road and east of Kardan Boulevard, the existing pavement has now been removed and the team are now starting permanent construction on the new eastbound lanes.

## Orton Road to Bishop Road

With the boundary fencing and Western Power relocations now complete along Orton Road, bulk earthworks are underway as the team begins constructing the new Tonkin Highway / Orton Road roundabout. These works involve raising and levelling the road surface, preparing the foundation for the new roundabout, and ensuring the appropriate alignment for safe and efficient traffic flow once complete. Bulk earthworks are also scheduled to start at the new Bishop Road and Tonkin Highway interchange during March.

## South Western Highway

Bulk fill is currently being delivered to South Western Highway to raise and level the road.

These works are an important early step in establishing the correct road levels and foundation for the upcoming roundabout construction, where South Western Highway intersects with Shanley Road/Jarrahdale Road and the extension of Tonkin Highway.

Permanent drainage upgrades and pavement works are also underway along South Western Highway as we prepare for the stage two traffic in mid-2026.

## Have your say

We're inviting you to share your feedback on the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project and our project team. Your input will help us understand how we're doing and ensure our communications meet your needs.



Please scan the QR code to complete the survey.

## Have Your Say!

We're reaching out to the community to see how you think we're going.



We appreciate your feedback.  
Survey closes 19 April 2026.

## Community Information Sessions

Thank you to everyone who attended our Community Information Session at Briggs Park Pavilion and our pop up at the SJ Farmers Market in February 2026. Across the two sessions, we spoke with more than 230 residents and stakeholders about the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project. We appreciate the time people took to come along, ask questions, and learn more about upcoming works and project progress.



## Planned long-term closure of Hopkinson Road (Abernethy Road to Devon Court)

To enable service relocation works, drainage upgrades, foundation preparation for the Tonkin Highway bridge over Abernethy Road and permanent construction of the Abernethy Road and Hopkinson Road roundabout, the stage 2 closure of Hopkinson Road (between Abernethy Road and Devon Court) is planned to close from April to October 2026, subject to approval.



This closure will follow the reopening of the Hopkinson Road and Jersey Road intersection, which will provide access to Devon Court, Charolais Court and Hopkinson Road via the proposed detour.

These planned works are subject to the outcome of a Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale public notice.

## Dust mitigation

We recognise living near construction can be frustrating at times, and we're working hard to keep dust to a minimum. Currently, water carts, hydro mulch and dust suppressants are being used across the site, with extra suppression during busy haulage periods and when conditions require it.

We're also trialling trafficable dust-suppression products on haul roads; however, these products have not yet achieved the expected performance outcomes. We're continuing to work closely with suppliers to improve results.

Dust levels are continuously monitored, and we scale up our response based on site conditions. While dust can't be completely eliminated during major earthworks, we're focused on reducing its impact on the community as much as practicable.

Residents wishing to raise concerns directly with the project team can contact 138 138 or email [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au).



## Emergency Evacuation Routes

We appreciate that maintaining safe and reliable evacuation routes in the event of a bushfire is a

key concern for the community, particularly during construction.

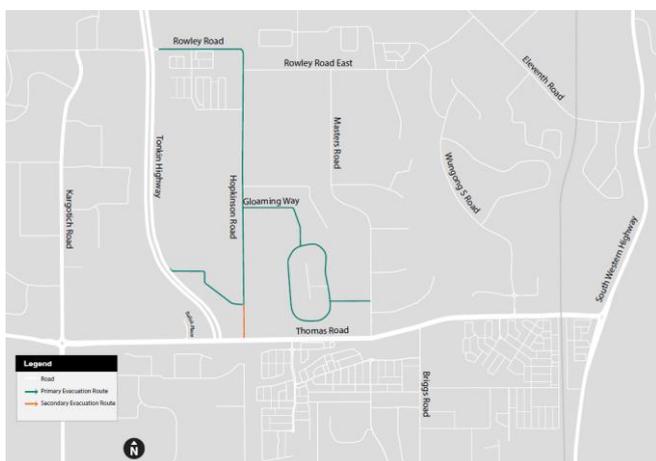
Our project team is working closely with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to ensure temporary secondary emergency access and evacuation routes are maintained for both residents and emergency services as works progress.

The current emergency evacuation maps for the Hopkinson Road/Thomas Road intersection and Gossage Road/Hopkinson Road intersection are shown below. We encourage residents to review these routes and stay informed about any updates as construction continues.

During emergencies, evacuation warnings and notifications are led by emergency services and residents should rely on Emergency WA alerts, the WA website and app, and on-ground directions for the most up-to-date information.

### Hopkinson Road Evacuation Routes

In the event of an emergency evacuation, the primary evacuation route will be to travel north on Hopkinson Road towards Rowley Road or Gloaming Way. If this route is unsafe or impacted by fire, a secondary evacuation route will be available by travelling south on Hopkinson Road, through the construction site, onto Thomas Road.



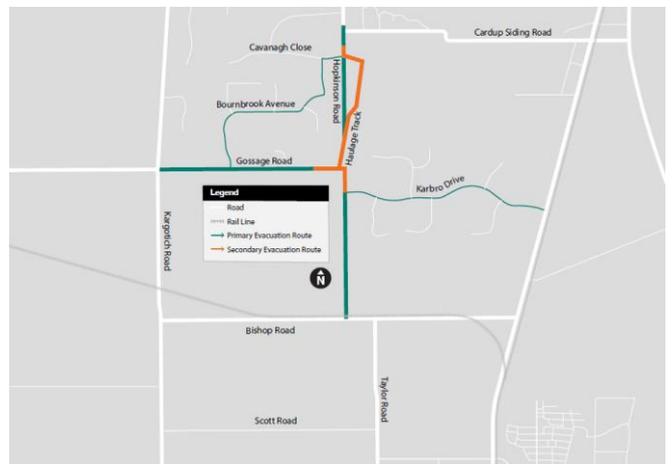
### Gossage Road Evacuation Routes

In the event of an emergency evacuation, the primary evacuation route for Gossage Road will be to travel west towards Bournbrook

Avenue or Kargotich Road.

If this route is unsafe or impacted by fire, a secondary evacuation route will be available by travelling east of Gossage Road, through the construction site, onto Hopkinson Road (to head south) or the project haulage track (to head north).

If traffic controllers or emergency service personnel are present, please follow their instructions. As other vehicles may also be using the surrounding roads, please ensure you have sufficient space to safely merge. If evacuating with a horse float, please take extra care, as the road surface in these areas may be uneven.



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