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Toodyay Road Upgrade

Community and Environment

Main Roads has liaised closely with stakeholders and the local community regarding the scope and design of the Toodyay Road Upgrade project since 2017. We recognise the considerable community interest in conservation matters, and feedback received has been carefully considered and various design enhancements have resulted. These include:

- A substantial reduction of the project footprint at the Sandplain / Salt Valley Road intersection. This will enable a significant amount of established vegetation to be retained, including several mature wandoo trees and 85 cockatoo breeding trees.
- Incorporation of a single span bridge over Jimperding Brook, to retain water flow. A culvert was initially proposed for this location.
- A reduction in the project footprint at Fernie Road. This has enabled retention of vegetation, including a very old, mature wandoo tree which was previously identified for clearing.
- A reduction in the allowable width for construction machinery to access the site, from 5m down to 3m.
- Modifications to the design of the section of road between Dryandra and Morangup Roads to retain a population of sun orchids.



Over the entire extent of the project, including the sections already constructed, there is approval to clear 54.87 hectares of native vegetation; however, following design refinements, approximately 48ha of clearing is required. We will continue to identify ways to retain as much vegetation as possible as part of our evolving construction methodology.

In addition to the requirements for the clearing permit, Main Roads has also developed a revegetation plan contributing to ecological connectivity while preserving the look and feel of the roadside. This includes:

- 52 hectares of revegetation.
- Sourcing 13,800 seedlings (55 species) from six nurseries for revegetation.

- Using excess germinated seed to infill any sections of revegetation along the alignment.
- Salvaging 100 grass trees, 44 of which were relocated in acquired land adjacent to Jingaling Brook. The remaining 56 grass trees and 20 macrozamia palms have been kept at a local nursery ready for replanting.

In accordance with State and Federal environmental regulations, an environmental offset for these upgrades includes a property of 196 hectares of prime Wandoo woodland adjacent to the Clackline Nature Reserve. This represents almost an extra one-third of the current reserve. Clackline Nature Reserve will be expanded by around four times the amount of vegetation that will be removed from the road reserve along Toodyay Road. This property will be conserved in perpetuity.

Additionally, 188 artificial black cockatoo nesting hollows have been installed in the reserve or in other nearby nature reserves. The reserve and the nesting hollows is being managed by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions. In December 2021, the first Cockatoo was born in an artificial nesting hollow.

Further information

To find out more about the Toodyay Road Upgrade or to provide feedback, please contact us 138 138 or via email enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au .

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