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Main Roads will construct a grade separated interchange at the intersection of Reid Highway and Erindale Road in Balcatta. The project is jointly funded by the Australian (\$225 million) and Western Australian (\$225 million) Governments.

## Reid Highway and Erindale Road Interchange

Planning is underway for a new interchange to replace the existing at-grade signalised intersection at Reid Highway and Erindale Road.

The planned interchange will include a new Erindale Road bridge over Reid Highway – improving safety by reducing the likelihood and severity of crashes at this location.

The project includes improvements to the Balcatta Road and Erindale Road signalised intersection and upgrades to the path network along Reid Highway and Mitchell Freeway (eastern side), including new underpasses and overpasses connecting to Mitchell Freeway.

View the updated Preliminary Concept Plan [here](#).

### Balcatta Road/Reid Highway intersection closure

To support this upgrade, the section of Balcatta Road from Balcatta Road/Reid Highway intersection to Ledger Road will be removed to make way for a new ramp from Reid Highway westbound onto Mitchell Freeway southbound.

This long-planned change is essential to deliver the full benefits of the grade separation, improving safety, traffic flow and network reliability. It also supports future traffic demand and efficient access to and from the Balcatta industrial area, Reid Highway and the freeway.

### A new southbound ramp from Reid Highway to Mitchell Freeway southbound

The existing southbound ramp will not be able to accommodate future traffic growth, and the existing queuing by drivers turning right at the traffic signals to cross Reid Highway eastbound will worsen.

The new interchange at Reid Highway and Erindale Road together with the new southbound ramp will provide drivers with an easier and quicker route to access the Mitchell Freeway southbound, so that they don't need to 'rat run' through Balcatta to get to the freeway.

This will naturally encourage traffic to use the improved highway network rather than travelling through the local Balcatta road network -

removing a major bottleneck, improving safety and keeping traffic moving smoothly.

## What will this mean for trips to and from the Balcatta industrial area?

Access to the north-west of the Balcatta industrial area will be via the new Reid Highway/Erindale Road interchange and an improved Balcatta Road and Erindale Road intersection.

If you are travelling from:

- Reid Highway - use the new interchange, then continue via the improved intersection at Balcatta Road and Erindale Road.
- Mitchell Freeway - continue to Reid Highway eastbound, then use the new interchange and access the area via the improved intersection at Balcatta Road and Erindale Road.

## Protecting the environment

Main Roads is committed to reducing environmental impacts during planning, construction, and maintenance of road projects. Studies and field assessments to understand the existing environmental values within the project area are underway. These will inform the design, mitigation strategies and referrals to both the Commonwealth and State environmental regulators.

Main Roads referred the project to the Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in April 2026. Following public comment, DCCEEW has determined the proposal to be a “controlled action” via Preliminary Documentation. This means that the project will require assessment and approval in accordance with the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. Main Roads will now prepare the Preliminary Documentation which will be advertised for public comment.

The determination can be viewed in [DCCEEW's Portal](#).

The project will also be referred to the State Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in

July/August 2026. The EPA will invite public comments and determine whether the project will be assessed under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

## Working with the community and stakeholders

The project team is committed to engaging the broader community and local businesses to inform project planning and development.

- We continue to seek community feedback to inform planning. Throughout May more than 440 people completed our online survey - providing valuable insights into the priorities of those who live, work and travel in the area.
- Targeted briefings with local businesses will be undertaken in coming months to discuss project impacts and access considerations. This follows initial business doorknocks earlier this year to introduce the project.
- We will continue to engage the Public Transport Authority, Department of Transport and Major Infrastructure, the Government Architect Western Australia, and the City of Stirling, to ensure the project meets future planned transport network requirements.

## Next steps

The project is currently in the planning and development phase.

This phase involves various design investigations, site assessments and traffic modelling to confirm scope and progressing the required statutory approvals, utility service relocation planning and securing land to allow for construction to commence in late 2028.

Over the coming months, the project team will:

- Prepare for State (EPA) referral
- Undertake utility service impact assessments and relocation designs
- Continue design development in consultation with the community and local businesses

- Undertake briefings with environmental groups and local businesses
- Undertake a Road Safety Audit

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