

# Noongar Alignment Selection Working Group: Workshop Four Summary 20 May 2025



## Introduction

On Tuesday 20 May, the fourth meeting of the Noongar Alignment Selection Working Group (NASWG) was held at the Pinjarra Lesser Hall.

The meeting was attended by members of the working group, representatives from Main Roads, and facilitated by Aboriginal Land Services. The meeting focus was to review and refine potential corridors suggested in Workshop 3.

A Welcome to Country was given and acknowledged that members need to work together to make sure the placement of the corridor considers the importance of the area's heritage.

## Workshop Four

A stakeholder and community engagement update was presented to explain who was being given information in between workshops. A summary of each workshop is provided to highlight outcomes of the meetings to ensure understanding of the importance of the NASWG engagement process.

The group discussed that working out where the road needs to go must consider information that past and present traditional owners have provided to government over many years. Access to records was suggested to achieve this.

The response was that once we have selected a road corridor this would trigger where the heritage investigations needed to be done.

Group members asked if key stakeholders like the Shire of Murray should be included in a future workshop on an as required basis.

### Project Objectives

Considering the Massacre site is critical in developing the project. There is also a need to provide an alternative route for regional heavy vehicle traffic around the town that will:

- Improve safety for all roads users on central town streets and heavy vehicle routes.
- Enhance amenity through the town for locals and visitors.
- Address traffic congestion in the town road network.
- Support socio-economic growth and facilitate integrated development in Greater Pinjarra and the South West Region.

### Review of Possible Road Corridors

Information from Workshop 3 was used to identify options for discussion, with consideration of heritage, environmental, social, engineering and road network performance constraints.

Understanding truck movements was important, particularly in considering impacts on travel times for road users, including truck drivers.

Speed limits for the future heavy haulage route were discussed. If the PHHD route was longer, it may still be quicker compared to trucks that currently travel through town at lower speeds. It was asked that a lower speed limit be considered for the new route, instead of 110kmh, to improve safety.

One of the key considerations for progressing the options identified by the group was to ensure that the majority of heavy vehicles did not continue to drive through town. European Heritage was also considered.

It was suggested that greater understanding was needed about the impact to Threatened Ecological Species and endangered species.

This was considered important to make sure the environment was not further degraded in future. More information about environmental impacts is needed to help the decision making process.

Environmental impacts to areas surrounding each option was shown generally.

The outcome was that the group agreed on three corridors that could be presented to the wider community and stakeholders to seek feedback.

### Workshop Conclusion

At the conclusion of the workshop, the group was advised that this summary would be sent round to members for review before sending out to stakeholders and the wider community.

### Next Steps

Further investigations are needed on the corridor options identified by the group. This will enable a more detailed assessment of impacts on constraints, as well as technical assessment on road geometry, bridge types and size.

A stakeholder and community engagement program will progress in coming months to share the options discussed at the Workshop. This includes meeting with:

- The Shire of Murray.
- Nearby landowners and other stakeholders to seek their feedback to consider in the future assessment of the options.
- The wider community through information sessions and targeted briefings.