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# Bindoon Bypass Great Northern Highway

The \$275 million Bindoon Bypass project is jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$220 million) and State Government (\$55 million), to improve road safety and freight efficiency.

The Bindoon Bypass is a new 64km section of the Great Northern Highway between Chittering Roadhouse in the south and New Norcia in the north.

It will bypass the town of Bindoon to improve travel times, road safety and freight efficiency.

# Progress on the Northern Section

The Northern Section of the Bindoon Bypass from Calingiri Road to New Norcia has been constructed in stages since 2021.

This approach has enabled the project to provide continuity of

employment for local people and businesses.

#### First 7km complete

The first 7km north of Calingiri Road to Seven Mile Hill was completed in May 2022 through a partnership of Aboriginal construction contractor, Garli and Main Roads' Region Network contractor Service Stream.

### Next 11km underway

The next 11km is currently underway between Seven Mile Hill and New Norcia, with construction works being undertaken solely by Garli.

So far, construction on the off-line sections included:

- ✓ clearing.
- ✓ topsoil removal.
- ✓ embankment foundation.
- ✓ embankment construction.
- ✓ subgrade construction.
- ✓ removal of unsuitable material.
- ✓ subbase construction.
- ✓ basecourse construction.
- ✓ rock excavation.

Activities coming up include:

- Sealing of road
- Barriers, signs and lines
- Completion of fencing and accommodation works
- Completion of the on-line sections
- Connection to Great Northern Highway.

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38% of work hours so far have been undertaken by Aboriginal people.

Over the next 12 months, access to the new section of off-line road will be constructed and the remaining works for the Northern Section will be completed.

Main Roads has engaged Garli through a sole supply arrangement for the current 11km section to continue the development of the Aboriginal construction contractor and to ensure business continuity.

Once construction works are complete, it will be the first section of highway solely completed by an Aboriginal owned company.

## **Training and employment**

Training and employment have been an important focus with:

- 189 people employed of which 51 were Aboriginal.
- More than \$19 million spent within local businesses.
- 55 training certificates completed throughout the project including HR drivers licence, plant operations, first aid and traffic management and control.

# Development of the Southern Section

The 46km Southern Section runs from the existing Great Northern Highway at Chittering Roadhouse, to the west of Bindoon, and re-joins Great Northern Highway north of Calingiri Road.

Activities completed so far include:

- ✓ Route selection and planning works.
- Land requirements and registration of Taking Orders with Landgate.
- ✓ Environmental approvals.

Activities in progress include:

- Updates to design.
- Heritage survey.
- Land acquisition.
- Environment offsets.
- Procurement documentation for a delivery contractor.
- Discussions with service providers.
- Delivery of methodology workshops.

## **Community engagement**

Main Roads remains committed to transparency and community engagement.

Various documents related to the Bindoon Bypass project, such as preliminary environmental documentation, project updates, media statements, and funding information, are available on our website.

These documents provide insights into the project's progress, community benefits, and other relevant details.

#### To keep up to date with progress on this project, visit the Main Roads website at:

https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.a u/bindoon-bypass, and sign up for email updates.

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