



# Tonkin Highway Extension Thomas Road to South Western Highway



## What we heard about the Tonkin Highway Extension

Between 10 July and 10 August 2020, we invited residents and businesses who may be impacted by the Tonkin Highway Extension project to share what's important and why.

**We heard from more than 600 community members!**

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Your input helps us understand your priorities and informs the design of the project.

**> 80%**

of the 401 predominantly local residents who completed the survey supported the plans to extend Tonkin Highway.

### What we heard

Here's what you said is important.

#### Local access changes

- The new Extension will reduce traffic through the Byford residential zone.
- Local access for residents living and using Hopkinson, Kargotich and Abernethy roads needs to be considered.

#### Design

- The Extension should be built with no traffic lights to keep traffic moving, reduce noise and driving time and create safer driver conditions.
- Abernethy Road is an important entry node to the Byford town centre.

#### Pedestrian, cycling and horse riding connections

- The effect on bridle paths and road safety for equestrians is important.
- Ensure safe and convenient east-west connectivity for bike riders and pedestrians.

Main Roads is extending Tonkin Highway from Thomas Road, Oakford to South Western Highway, south-east of Mundijong.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian (\$404 million) and Western Australian (\$101 million) Governments.

#### Noise

- Increased traffic noise, particularly at night, which is amplified in a rural environment, is a concern.

#### Safety

- The Extension should improve the safety of existing, dangerous intersections through Byford by reducing traffic.
- Residential growth and the subsequent increased traffic flows is becoming dangerous in areas.

#### Environment

The impact on highly valuable flora and fauna needs to be managed.



You provided thousands of comments sharing with us what you think the project needs to consider.

This graphic represents the words that appeared most frequently in your comments.

### Your top priorities answered

Your feedback is now with the project team who will use it to further develop the design concept.

- We will continue to engage with the community and key stakeholders to identify various issues and constraints as we develop the design of the highway, local road connections and intersections.
- We continue to undertake geotechnical and site investigations, traffic and noise modelling and environmental and heritage assessments.

Once we have a design concept, we will share our proposal with the community to help further refine our proposed design.

### Project timing

Procurement is anticipated to begin in 2021 with construction to start in 2022.

### Who participated

3,236	people visited the Tonkin Highway Extension webpage.
401	people completed a survey to let us know what was important.
217	people left comments on our Facebook post.
20	people called or emailed to ask more questions.

### How we invited you to have your say

Between 10 July and 10 August 2020, we:

- Sent a brochure about the project to approximately 13,200 people who live in the project area to encourage them to get involved.
- Updated our dedicated project webpage and Frequently Asked Questions and asked people to subscribe for project updates.
- Sent an email to about 850 people who had already signed up for project updates and encouraged them to take the online survey.
- Created a dedicated engagement webpage for you to give us your feedback.
- Posted a geographically targeted Facebook post.

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