

Dongara-Geraldton-Northampton Route Corridor Planning: The Alignment Definition Process

What is Alignment Definition?

With a broad investigation corridor alignment now confirmed for a future Dongara-Geraldton-Northampton (DGN) route, Main Roads' planning study is transitioning into the Alignment Definition phase.

Alignment Definition includes a comprehensive series of investigations to identify the physical constraints we need to consider when planning a road layout (also known as our ultimate planning design concept) within the preferred corridor. These investigations typically include:

- land surveys to map topography;
- underground drilling to identify soil types and the presence of rock and other materials;
- environmental surveys to identify areas with flora and fauna that need to be managed or preserved; and
- heritage surveys to identify sites of Aboriginal or historical heritage value.

Together with the information we gather from ongoing consultation with individual landowners, the outcomes of these investigations will allow us to narrow down our area of interest. This will help us reduce the current investigation corridor (nominally 500 metres wide) to a nominally 100 metre wide road reservation that will eventually reflect land protection requirements for the future road.

How will we continue to engage with landowners?

As we progress the Alignment Definition phase, we will need to look much more closely at the land within the corridor to identify the opportunities and constraints presented by the land and local environment, including areas we will need to avoid. This includes carefully considering the varied and individual needs of each property.

Over the next three years we will be asking landowners for permission to access their property for some of the important investigations mentioned above. Once we have this important additional information, we will be able to have more detailed discussions with landowners about how we can mitigate issues, including those already raised during previous consultation.



What can landowners expect from Main Roads?

Landowners have a very important role to play in this planning process. As such, they can expect that we will continue to be available to discuss our planning study work with them and provide support as we progress through Alignment Definition.

We want to complete this process as quickly and efficiently as possible, so that we can provide certainty to landowners and local communities.

While there are still many aspects we need to consider, and problems to solve throughout this process, we appreciate that landowners have intrinsic local knowledge and would like to continue to hear from them. At the same time, we understand our investigations may cause some inconvenience. Landowners are encouraged to discuss their needs with us so we can minimise any disruption to family commitments or farming operations.

Our commitment is to work with all stakeholders to find the best-balanced solution that accommodates everyone's needs.

Further information

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