



Nyungar Alignment Selection Working Group – 8 August 2024 (inaugural) workshop summary



Current status

On Thursday 8 August 2024, the inaugural meeting of the Nyungar Alignment Selection Working Group (NASWG) was held at the Main Roads regional office in Bunbury.

The meeting was attended by members of the working group and representatives from Main Roads, and facilitated by Aboriginal Land Services (ALS) and Aboriginal Co-design Consultancy (ACDC).

Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct

At the beginning of the meeting, it was confirmed that members of the working group were attending as representatives of their community.

Following an opportunity for a proxy to attend early in the workshop, the working group were asked to approve the Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference were revised in detail, including various elements such as membership, workshop procedures and protocols and information sharing.

The nomination process for the working group was discussed, as well as the process of taking information back to Elders for guidance. The proxy process and the opportunity for observers and carers/drivers to attend and their role at the meeting was also discussed. It was agreed that observers as defined by the group should be able to attend future workshops.

Amendments were made to a range of elements of the Terms of Reference, and a draft was agreed by the group to be taken away for further consideration, and for sign off at the next working group.

It was also noted that Main Roads and the NASWG members would sign and abide by the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct was discussed and revised, including elements such as general and cultural standards. Some minor amendments were made to the Code. A draft was agreed by the group to be taken away for further consideration, and for sign off at the next working group.

Nominations were made for two members of the group to become moderators, to aid in beneficial discussion and decision-making. This was left with the group for their consideration.

Main Roads noted the importance of engaging ALS and ACDC to help in facilitating the working group workshops. ALS noted their role in ensuring that the





Nyungar voice was involved in the decisionmaking process in selection of an alignment.

The workshop raised a number of further issues related to the project which were not able to be discussed on the day, however it was agreed that they would be discussed at workshops in the future.

Workshop Conclusion

At the conclusion of the workshop, the attendees reviewed the remainder of the program for the working group, which is scheduled to continue until mid-2025.

The content of this summary was also reviewed, and it was agreed that the working group members would use it as a guide for conversations about the project with the wider community, while Main Roads would share it and publish via the Main Roads project website.