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# Reid Highway Interchanges Project

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Vegetation clearing

Vegetation clearing will soon begin across sections of the project to make way for new interchanges at Altone Road and Drumpellier Avenue/Daviot Road, along with associated ramps, noise walls and shared paths.

We understand clearing works can be concerning and are committed to minimise clearing where possible.

Community members are encouraged to contact the project team at any stage of the works for further details.

#### **Why does vegetation need to be cleared?**

The project area is highly constrained, meaning there is no way to build the new infrastructure without removing vegetation. Clearing is required to safely prepare the site and complete the construction of the two new interchanges and associated works.

Clearing will be completed across the entire project site before major construction begins. This approach supports a safe and efficient construction program by allowing work to occur simultaneously across multiple zones throughout the duration of the project.

#### **When is clearing anticipated to occur?**

Clearing is scheduled to commence from late-September 2025 and continue through to early December 2025.

There may be a small amount of additional clearing required as design and construction progresses.

All works will be undertaken in accordance with approved management plans and environmental approvals.

#### **How will clearing works be completed?**

Works will be staged and carefully sequenced to only clear areas required for upcoming construction, avoiding unnecessary exposure of large parcels of land.

We will begin clearing works on the northern sides of both intersections, before moving on to the southern sides of both intersections.

#### **Does the project have environmental approval to clear the vegetation?**

Yes, the project has all required approvals in place. Clearing will be undertaken in consultation with environmental specialists and Traditional Owners to ensure cultural and environmental values are protected.

#### **Are you removing native vegetation?**

Yes, some areas of remnant native vegetation will need to be removed. The majority of this native vegetation is regrowth previously cleared for infrastructure projects and recent urban development. The native vegetation to be removed does not provide important habitat for native fauna.

#### **What will happen to the cleared vegetation?**

The majority of the cleared vegetation will be mulched and stockpiled for reuse in landscaping and site stabilisation. Salvaged topsoil will be used to support revegetation and biodiversity outcomes.

Where safe and practical, we will look for opportunities to salvage and reuse mulch or timber in partnership with local community organisations.

#### **How will dust from clearing activities be managed?**

To minimise dust impacts, the project will use a range of controls including water carts and sprays, limiting vehicle speeds, stabilising stockpiles and applying dust

suppressants. Activities may be rescheduled during high winds, and regular monitoring will ensure dust remains within safe limits.

#### **Will there be noise from clearing activities?**

Works will involve the use of standard construction machinery and equipment. While some noise is unavoidable, it will be managed in line with environmental requirements. We do not anticipate completing clearing works at night, meaning noise impacts will be limited to daytime hours.

#### **Will Bennett Brook be affected by clearing?**

The existing section of the highway passing over Bennett Brook, as well as the Brook itself, will not be affected by the project or the clearing works.

The project will comply with all environmental protections and regulatory requirements to ensure the Brook, and its surrounding habitats remain protected.

#### **Will local fauna habitats be impacted by the vegetation clearing?**

Ahead of commencing clearing works, the project will undertake an assessment of local fauna with qualified personnel to determine any impacted areas and put in place additional protections if required. These may include relocation programs, or changes to methodology to allow fauna safe passage to move out of the works area.

#### **How will weeds and pests be managed?**

Strict weed, pest and disease management protocols will be implemented to minimise the risk of spread, including specific measures for managing the shot hole borer should it be detected.

#### **Will the cleared areas be landscaped?**

Yes, areas disturbed during construction. Areas disturbed during construction and not finished with a sealed surface will be revegetated at project completion.

Landscaping and replanting will be included in the final design to offset vegetation loss and improve local amenity where possible. Landscaping and revegetation will be one of the final project activities and anticipated to occur once major construction works are completed. These activities are timed for winter to maximise plant survival.

Further information on landscaping will be shared with the community once designs are finalised.

#### **Further information**

For the latest project information, maps and upcoming works, or to sign up for project updates, visit **[mainroads.wa.gov.au/reid-hwy-interchanges](https://mainroads.wa.gov.au/reid-hwy-interchanges)**

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