

# Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade



*Slow down in our construction zones so we can all get home safe*

## Construction Works this Summer

Following significant progress over the past two months, the project is now moving into a high-activity phase for summer. Recent traffic switches and early earthworks on the South Western Highway have enabled construction to advance across multiple fronts, including drainage, pavement works and major earthworks throughout December and January.

### Work over the holiday season

We understand the holiday season is a special time for many and we will be pausing construction from 5pm 19 December 2025 to 7am 5 January 2026 to give the team a break with their families. During this time:

- No major construction works will be undertaken on site.

- The project information channels remain available, and the community can still contact Main Roads on 138 138 for enquiries or to report any urgent issues.
- Dust suppression will be applied across the site to manage dust prior to the break.

Works outlined below will occur before and after the shutdown period.

### What's happening now?

Current activities across the project area include:

- Intermittent night works during December and January (7pm–7am, Monday to Sunday) on Thomas Road, South Western Highway and Tonkin Highway, as required, outside the shutdown period.

- Clearing, mulching, removal of topsoil, haulage of material activities are ongoing. Summer naturally brings drier, windier conditions, and with several other developments underway nearby, dust levels in the area may increase even when no work is happening on our site. While we work to keep dust down, it isn't practically possible to remove or prevent all dust, especially during long periods of dry weather or strong easterly winds. Our team will continue to minimise impacts where we can by using water carts and a range of dust suppression techniques across our active work areas. If you live close to the project, you may find it helpful to cover pools, and outdoor furniture during the hotter months. We'll keep monitoring conditions and adjusting our dust management as needed.
- Bulk haulage of fill material is now underway for the project. You may notice an increase in heavy vehicles using the site-based haulage track along the new Tonkin Highway alignment, with access via Thomas Road, Watkins Road, Bishop Road, Mundijong Road, and South Western Highway. Traffic management will be in place where the haulage track crosses at Abernethy Road, Cardup Siding Road and Orton Road. Please slow down and follow the road signs in these locations.

### Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road works

On Tonkin Highway, traffic has been switched to the temporary alignment to allow construction of the new permanent southbound lanes. Through December and into January, works will include:

- Building the permanent southbound lanes on Tonkin Highway following the recent traffic switch.
- Continued clearing and ground preparation along the future eastbound carriageway, including the corner of Tonkin Highway and Thomas Road.

On Thomas Road, traffic has recently been shifted further south between Ballak Place and Kardan Boulevard to enable construction of the permanent eastbound lanes, including retaining walls, drainage and pavement works. In December, the team plan to

switch traffic further south between Kargotich Road and Ballak Place.

Following this switch, works will start on the eastbound lanes from Kargotich Road to Kardan Boulevard, including drainage, earthworks and pavement construction.

### Planned temporary closure of Hopkinson Road between Abernethy Road and Devon Court

To enable permanent construction of the Abernethy Road and Hopkinson Road roundabout and service relocation works, Hopkinson Road is planned to be temporarily closed between Abernethy Road and Devon Court in February 2026. Abernethy Road will remain open during these works. The project is working closely with the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to ensure emergency access routes are maintained during construction and are incorporated into the final road design. A public notice to get feedback will be issued by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.

### Shanley Road extended road closure

As work progresses in the southern section of the project, Shanley Road will be closed between Coogly Road and South Western Highway, from mid-January 2026 to project completion. Local access will be maintained during this period. To view the detour map, please visit the Tonkin Highway Extension and Thomas Road Upgrade Project page on the Main Roads website.

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