

# project overview

## NorthLink WA

Perth-Darwin National Highway – connecting Perth and the North West

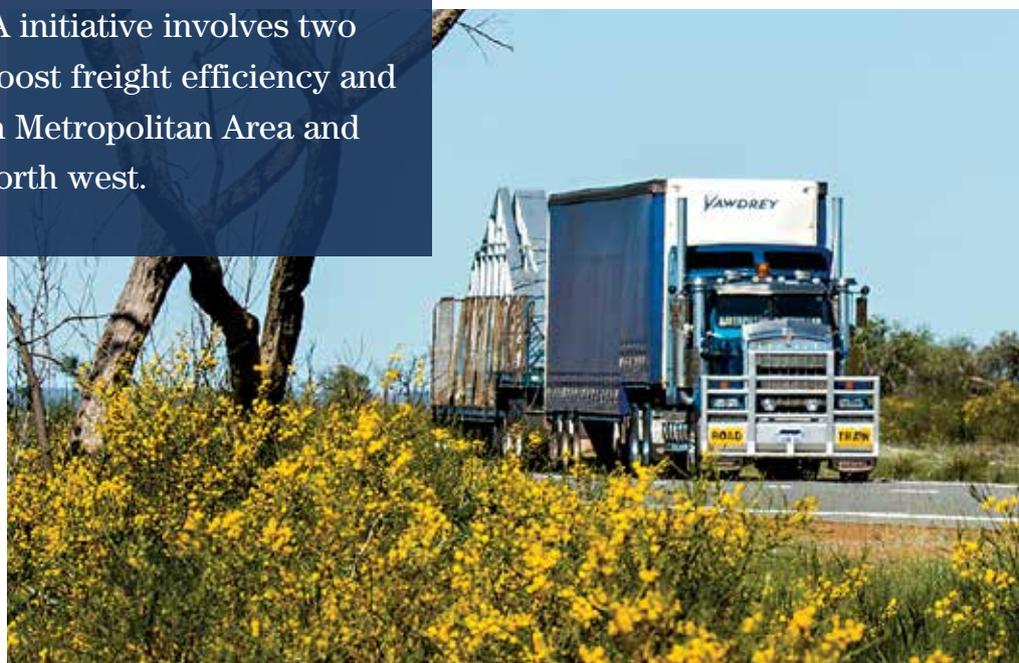
### What is NorthLink WA and why is it needed?

The \$1.12 billion NorthLink WA initiative involves two projects that are designed to boost freight efficiency and productivity between the Perth Metropolitan Area and Western Australia's lucrative north west.

Funded by both the Australian (\$756 million) and State (\$362 million) Governments, the projects will enhance freight efficiency and productivity in Western Australia by reducing travel time and improving journey time reliability for freight destined for the State's north.

NorthLink WA is the result of extensive planning undertaken to finalise the future Perth-Darwin National Highway (PDNH) between Reid Highway and Bindoon. NorthLink WA incorporates PDNH and other associated transport infrastructure required to complete this important link to the State's north.

Construction is scheduled to commence in 2016 and finish in 2019.



### Key Project Elements

NorthLink WA comprises:

- **A new 37km high standard link from the intersection of the Reid and Tonkin Highways to Muchea, previously known as the Swan Valley Bypass; and**
- **Tonkin Grade Separations at Benara Road, Morley Drive and Collier Road.**

These two projects are vital components of a wider series of improvements to the Tonkin Highway, the Great Northern Highway and the North West Coastal Highway.



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## Objectives and Benefits

The National Network currently follows the Great Northern Highway alignment, commencing at the intersection of Roe Highway and Reid Highway, as a two lane road. The route passes through the Swan Valley wine producing area, where:

- there is limited opportunity for further upgrades to the existing highway; and
- growing traffic volumes are impacting on the community – particularly freight movements between Perth and resource projects in the north.

The new route not only provides economic benefits for freight – Swan Valley residents and tourists will also experience a safer and more pleasant local environment with most of the heavy vehicle traffic being removed from the existing Great Northern Highway.

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Connecting the new route to the Tonkin Highway will further increase the importance of the Tonkin Highway as a north-south route, linking industrial areas such as the Airport and Kewdale Precincts to the north. The proposed Tonkin Grade Separations project recognises this, and will complement the new route by reducing delays and improving journey reliability on the corridor.

## Background

Over the past 10 years, Main Roads has undertaken planning studies to address the long term needs for the future Perth-Darwin National Highway (PDNH) between Reid Highway and Bindoon in three sections:

- Reid Highway to Maralla Road Bullsbrook;
- Maralla Road Bullsbrook to Brand Highway Muchea; and
- Brand Highway Muchea to Bindoon.

The studies have involved extensive stakeholder consultation with surrounding landowners, communities and businesses, Local Government Authorities, State Government agencies, environmental and other community groups. Community Reference Groups and Project Working Groups were established at various times to provide input to the studies.

These studies have defined the reservation requirements for each of these sections and changes to the relevant planning schemes have now been initiated.

Project development work has commenced on both the new route and Tonkin Grade Separations projects which are now collectively referred to as NorthLink WA.

The objectives of NorthLink WA are to:

- Improve freight capacity, efficiency and productivity;
- Reduce urban congestion now and into the future;
- Improve road safety in line with the State's 'Towards Zero' policy;
- Maximise sustainability through economic, social and environmental responsibility; and
- Improve amenity for the community, tourists and road users.



# LEGEND

-  NorthLink WA
-  State Road
-  Local Road



Construction commences

2016

Completion estimated for

2019

## Project Timeframe

Construction is scheduled to commence in 2016 and finish in 2019. Prior to commencing construction, Main Roads will be completing all the required project development activities, including land acquisition.

## Community Engagement

Community engagement is a critical component of this project. The previous planning studies have identified a range of key stakeholders and communities who will be consulted throughout project development and construction phases.

A database of community contacts has been established, and we invite you to add your email or postal address to this database.

Please contact Main Roads' Community Relations Manager Carolyn Walker on (08) 9450 1445 or via email at [icwalker@vianet.net.au](mailto:icwalker@vianet.net.au) to add your email or postal address to our database, or if you have any enquiries regarding the project.



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