

Gelorup Community Session Report

Executive Summary

Residents from the Gelorup area were invited to a community drop-in session in Bunbury on 19 March, 2022. The purpose of this session was to gather additional feedback on the proposed Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) initiatives for the southern section of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) project.

Prior to this drop-in session, the South West Gateway Alliance released a short survey to capture wider community feedback on proposed social and environmental design enhancements. This included walking trails, additional screen walls, and a pedestrian underpass at Woods Road.

Verbal feedback was gained during the drop-in session, as well as asking attendees to rank their support for the proposed enhancements through a Likert scale (unsupportive, neutral, supportive).

When assessing the outcomes from both the community survey and the Gelorup drop-in session, the proposed enhancements were supported across majority of survey categories.

Walking trails will proceed with concerns regarding maintenance, weed management, safety, parking, and clearing to be addressed. Screen walls will proceed subject to further consultation on colour as well as consultation with directly affected landowners on boundary positioning and internal facing colour schemes.

One category not supported by Gelorup residents was the Woods Road underpass. This follows the Shire of Capel's recommended deletion of the proposed pedestrian underpass following their General Council Meeting in December 2021. The Woods Road underpass has since been deleted from design due to community feedback primarily focusing on safety concerns and anti-social behaviour.

The Design Enhancements Survey and Gelorup Community Session Report outlines the feedback received and provides recommendations regarding the design decisions for this section of the project.