

# Kojonup Freight Route

## ALIGNMENT SELECTION STUDY

You are invited to provide input into a planning study being undertaken by Main Roads to select a preferred alignment for a future Kojonup freight route, in Western Australia's Great Southern region.

This study aims to identify a preferred corridor for this route that will meet the region's long term needs for moving people and freight and allow State and Local Government to plan for the future.

This study is supported by the Shire of Kojonup, which has identified reducing heavy vehicle traffic on Albany Highway as a priority in its Community Strategic Plan 2013-2023.

Consultation with key stakeholders, including local government, heavy vehicle operators and communities in the area, will play a vital role in this study.

### The planning process

As part of the early planning process for a future Kojonup freight route, Main Roads considered a number of options to the east and west of the town. This assessment considered all known environmental, social, engineering and economic constraints.

A short freight route to the west of Kojonup was deemed unfeasible because it would sever a number of existing rural properties and a planned residential area from the town centre. It would also have a significant impact on local recreational facilities and environmentally sensitive areas.



Locating the route further from town to avoid these areas was also deemed unfeasible, as it would have a greater effect on Kojonup's passing trade and be prohibitively expensive.

In consultation with the Shire of Kojonup we have now identified a feasible route to the east of town, with two possible northern links, to present for community and stakeholder feedback. This route offers the desired freight efficiency, has less development constraints and minimises any social and environmental impact.

Once this consultation is complete, we will identify a preferred alignment for endorsement by Local and State Government. More detailed planning work will then be undertaken to prepare a planning design concept. This will include direct landowner consultation, survey, environmental and heritage field work and assessments, hydrological and surface water studies, geotechnical and groundwater survey and concept design.

***It is important to note that there is currently no funding available for construction of a Kojonup freight route and this study is for future planning purposes only.***

The following table shows this Alignment Selection phase in the context of the overall planning process:

#### **CORRIDOR ALIGNMENT SELECTION STUDY (THIS STUDY)**

This Alignment Selection study is being undertaken to select a preferred corridor for a future freight route. The study includes community consultation.

#### **ALIGNMENT DEFINITION STUDY**

When the Alignment Selection Study is complete and endorsed, an Alignment Definition Study will be undertaken to define the road reservation requirements for the preferred route. Further community and stakeholder consultation will be undertaken during this phase, particularly with affected landowners.

#### **PROTECTION OF ROAD RESERVATION**

When the Alignment Definition Study is complete, action will start to include the road reservation in the local statutory planning schemes.

### **Planning rationale**

The historic town of Kojonup is located on Albany Highway, approximately 256km from Perth, 160km from Albany and 39km from Katanning.

According to recent traffic studies and consultation with the agriculture industry and freight operators, the majority of heavy vehicles that pass through the town do not stop in Kojonup or turn onto the surrounding network, particularly during the busy grain harvest season.

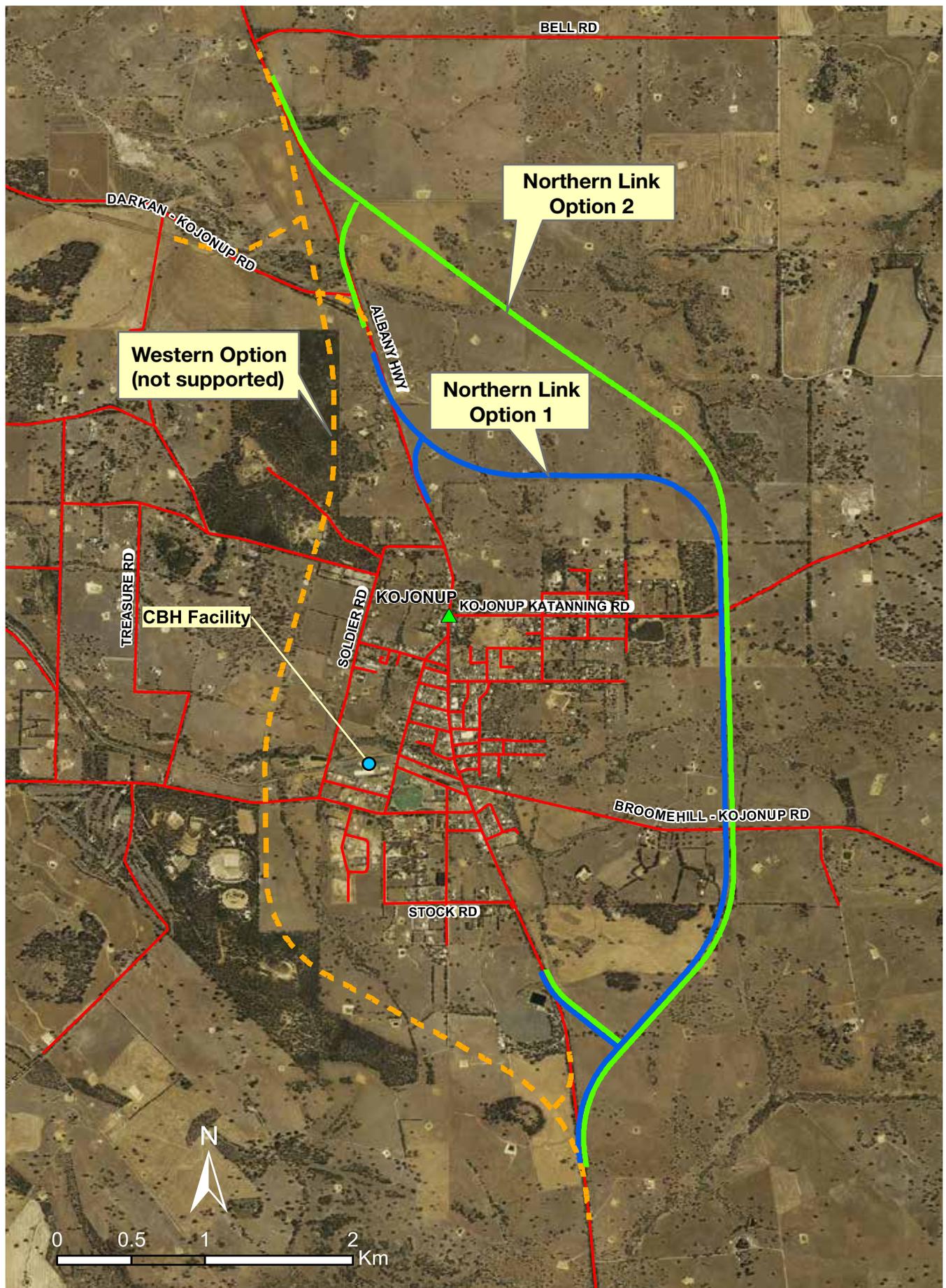
A freight route with suitable links to the town will significantly improve safety and amenity by separating heavy vehicles from local and tourist traffic. It will also facilitate the Shire's development plans for Kojonup, ensuring the continued growth of the town as a popular tourist destination.



## The options

The map below shows the most feasible eastern route for a freight bypass, with two potential links to the town.

The western option, which was investigated but not supported, is also shown for illustration purposes. This option was considered unfeasible because it severs rural and residential areas from the town, has significant impact on environmental and recreation areas and restricts future town development.





### How to have your say

Community involvement is an essential element of this planning study and we encourage you to participate by identifying any issues or concerns and providing feedback on the proposed options.

### Feedback forms

If you wish to provide comment and/or would like to register to receive future project updates by email, please complete the form included with this newsletter and return by email to [leanne.pitcher@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:leanne.pitcher@mainroads.wa.gov.au) or post (no stamp required) to:

**Kojonup Freight Route**

**Reply Paid 6202**

**East Perth**

**WA 6892**

The feedback form can also be completed online via Main Roads' website at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au) (Building Roads/Planning Projects/Kojonup Freight Route).

### WANT MORE INFORMATION?

A public display illustrating the two options will be at Kojonup IGA, 116 Albany Highway, from 29 March to 27 May 2016.

Staff from Main Roads' Great Southern regional office will be at this display to answer questions about this planning study on Friday 8 April from 10am to noon and Friday 29 April from 2pm to 4pm.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Community Relations Consultant Leanne Pitcher on 0408 923 249 or email [leanne.pitcher@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:leanne.pitcher@mainroads.wa.gov.au).



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