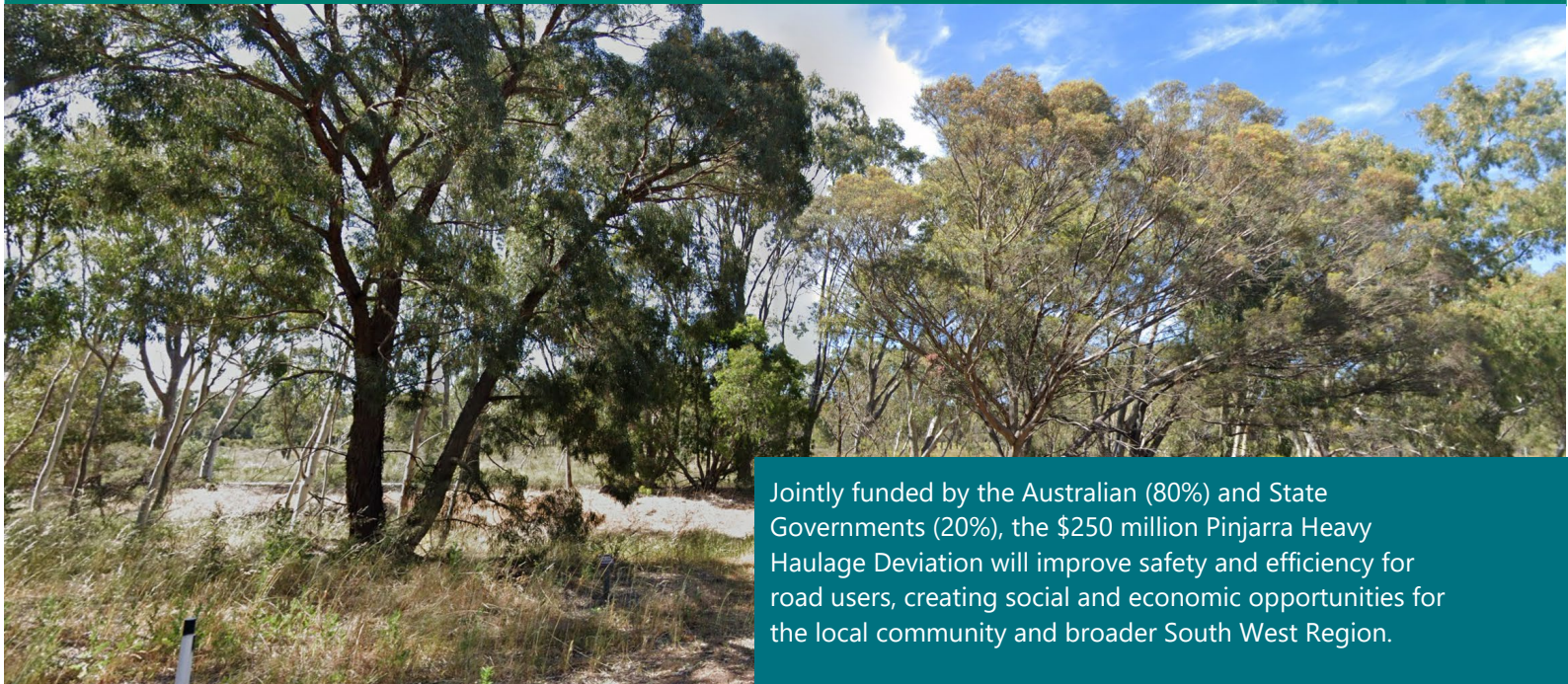


Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation



Jointly funded by the Australian (80%) and State Governments (20%), the \$250 million Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation will improve safety and efficiency for road users, creating social and economic opportunities for the local community and broader South West Region.

Main Roads is continuing to develop a project for the future Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation, in conjunction with the Shire of Murray and the wider community.

Project Need

Before the construction of Forrest Highway, South Western Highway through Pinjarra carried nearly 10,000 vehicles per day (VPD). Once Forrest Highway opened in 2009, traffic volumes reduced to around 5,000 VPD.

However, the renewal of the town centre and industry expansion have seen increases in local and heavy vehicle movements through Pinjarra. In February 2022, traffic recorded at the intersection of South Western Highway and Pinjarra Road (signals) averaged 15,852 vehicles per day during weekdays.

The project aims to provide an alternative route for heavy vehicles around the town that will:

- reduce congestion and improve safety on central town streets (South Western Highway, George Street and Pinjarra Road).
- greatly improve safety for pedestrians and local drivers.
- enable the development of an activated town centre.

Community Involvement

Main Roads understands and respects areas associated with the Pinjarra Massacre and recognises these are both culturally sensitive to the Aboriginal community and highly significant in terms of national heritage.

Consultation regarding Aboriginal Heritage started in 2008 to ensure the project minimised impacts on the Pinjarra Massacre site and the Murray River heritage site.

Main Roads undertook community consultation from July 2020 to early 2021, which included:

- Meetings with landowners, businesses and residents adjacent to the proposed works, and with key interest groups, including the Peel Chamber and Murray Business Support Group.
- A community drop in session on 10 December 2020 for the wider community.
- What we heard:
 - The community asked whether the whole project could be built rather than just Stage One.
 - Pinjarra Williams Road
 - Residents were concerned about increases in truck noise and traffic.
 - Driver behaviour - speeding vehicles and overtaking in 60kmh zones.
 - Safety for schoolchildren regarding bus stop locations.
 - General pedestrian safety.
 - Pinjarra Williams Road and South Western Highway intersection
 - Safety concerns.
 - Current congestion at peak times due to train operations, commuter traffic and school drop off and pick up times, and associated impact on emergency operations.
 - Business impacts during construction.
 - Is there an opportunity to improve the entry to town (landscaping).
- In April 2021, Main Roads met with Aboriginal community representatives who expressed concern regarding impact on cultural heritage values, resulting in a commitment to undertake further engagement.
- Construction of stage one was to commence in late 2021 and was deferred.



PHHD Locality Chart (alignment subject to review)

What's next?

Aboriginal engagement will start in April 2023 and will be coordinated by Aboriginal Land Services. Wider community and stakeholder engagement will follow.

We encourage community members to subscribe to project email updates by visiting www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/projects