

TRURO BYPASS CONSULTATION

Project Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$202 million (80:20) towards the design and construction of a bypass for the Sturt Highway at Truro. The project is in the early stages of planning and design.

As an important freight route, the demand for Sturt Highway to cater for larger freight vehicles is increasing. To improve safety and amenity in Truro's main street, as well as improving freight efficiency, the Truro Bypass would allow heavy traffic to travel along a new Sturt Highway alignment away from the centre of the Truro township.

In October and November 2021, we engaged with you on an indicative alignment for the Truro Bypass.

During this period we:

- held four information sessions in Truro to meet the community and seek feedback attended by approximately 100 people;
- met with businesses in the Truro main street to hear their interests and concerns;
- received feedback via phone, email, website feedback forms and hard copy feedback forms collected at the information sessions; and
- have worked directly with potentially impacted landowners/lessees to negotiate access to their land for on-ground survey work.

WHAT WE HEARD

We received around 130 pieces of feedback during the consultation period.

Responses were generally supportive of a bypass at Truro – with many keen to see large trucks removed from the main street of Truro, improving safety and amenity.

We received lots of very useful information from the community about local access, infrastructure, geography, and vegetation.

Many would like to see safe and accessible links between the existing Sturt Highway, the bypass and other key roads.

The majority of residents would like to see the bypass alignment positioned far enough away from the township so that heavy vehicle noise is minimised.

It was acknowledged throughout all engagement that the alignment may change, based on the outcomes of community feedback, ground investigations, environment surveys and further design work.

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE TRURO - WHAT WE HEARD

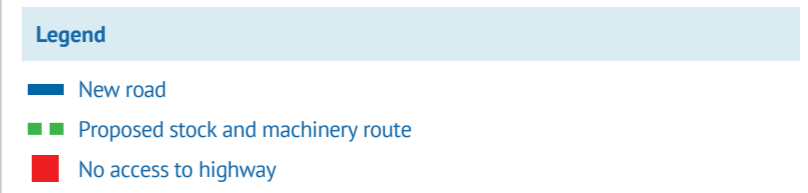
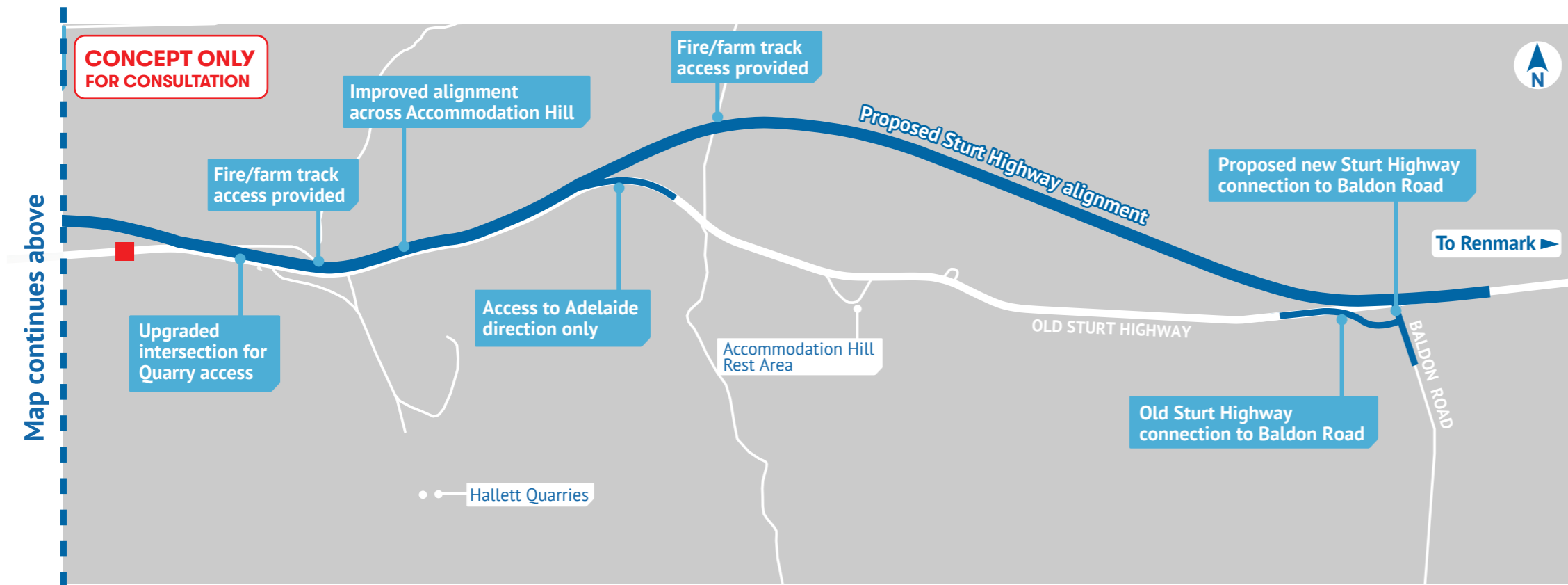
The Truro Bypass project also seeks to unlock opportunities to enhance the township of Truro. The community were keen to see future investment in enhancing the prosperity of the town.

Popular suggestions received to enhance the town included:

- enhancing the town's existing assets such as the Lavender Trail;
- investing in new signage to encourage visitation;
- improving the streetscape of the main street;
- developing recreation spaces with an enhanced oval space and playground;
- expanding local shopping facilities; and
- creating local camping facilities

The community were also keen to see these town improvements implemented sooner rather than later to support the town through the construction period as well as the operational phases of the bypass.

Sturt Highway: Truro Bypass - Refined alignment



DESIGN PROCESS PROGRESSES

This refined alignment makes the following improvements to the previous indicative alignment:

- has smoother curves and is less steep;
- is a greater distance from existing homes north of the township – meaning less noise and visual impact;
- has an improved intersection with Eudunda Road – improving safety and sight lines;
- reduces the impact to traffic and freight operation during construction; and
- utilises a portion of the existing Sturt Highway just west of Accommodation Hill, reducing property acquisition and improving environmental outcomes.

This alignment also incorporates alternative routes for machinery and stock movement and access to properties from Sturt Highway. We are still seeking feedback on the design for key access points to the new bypass.

Further investigation and survey works are required before a final design can be confirmed. We will continue to engage with the community to inform the detailed designs for the project and throughout its delivery.

We will continue to work closely with directly impacted landowners and thank them for their cooperation in allowing our survey staff onto their land.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The detailed design process will progress throughout 2022. We will continue to work with impacted landowners to ensure their access and farming activities are accommodated as much as practically possible.

Investigation activities including environmental and engineering surveys and geotechnical investigations will continue to enable the design work to progress. The Department will engage with landowners directly where access is required. This design will continue to be refined as part of this ongoing process in the lead up to construction. We will keep you informed as this is progressed.

There will be more community engagement about town enhancement initiatives later in 2022.



HAVE YOUR SAY

It is important to us that you are well informed about this project and have the opportunity to speak with our project team and provide any feedback that you have.

Please contact the project team by:

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