

Level Crossing Removal Planning Program

Cormack Road level crossing - what we heard

Project overview

The Australian and South Australian Governments have committed to a Level Crossing Removal Planning Program to conduct planning studies at priority level crossing locations. We identified the level crossing at Cormack Road at Wingfield as a priority location for the planning study. The planning study will seek to better understand the problems at this location and identify potential opportunities to remove the level crossing, improve safety and make travel easier for all users.

Community engagement

Seeking feedback from the community and stakeholders is a key part of building a comprehensive picture of how our networks are operating. This feedback is important to help us understand community viewpoints and experiences that might not be captured by a technical analysis.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation activities and provided feedback during the four-week consultation period in August and September 2023.

How we engaged

Along with meetings with key stakeholders, members of the community were encouraged to complete an online survey and digitally 'pin' comments on the project map and categorise their feedback according to the nature of their comment.

What you told us

Of the 19 survey respondents most identified their relationship to the area as 50% road users, 27% work locally, 8% public transport users, 7% property owners, 4% local residents and 4% customers and or visitors to a local business.

Of the respondents 63% travelled through the level crossing at least once a week. The main mode of transport for respondents was 84% motor vehicle,



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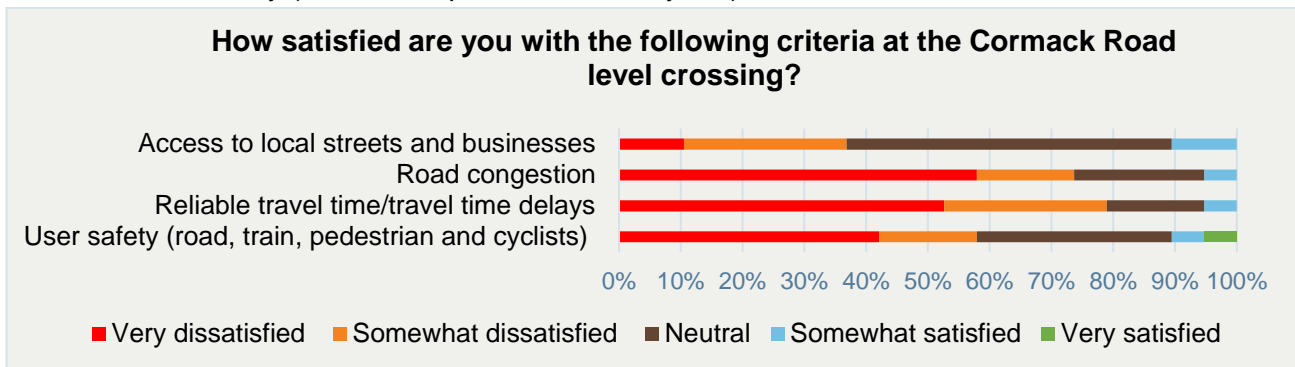


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11% bicycle and 5% public transport train. Local insights outlined there is interest from the community to improve:

- road congestion;
- reliable travel time/travel time delay; and
- user safety (road, train, pedestrian and cyclist).



Road congestion

Respondents advised that the delays at the level crossing causes congestion on Cormack Road and adjacent roads. Some suggested that the existing road network could be upgraded to provide other options for those who wish to avoid the level crossing.

Reliable travel time/travel time delay

Respondents advised they can be held at the level crossing for up to 20 minutes and sometimes the boom gates only open for a short period before another train comes.

There was general support for a grade separation of the level crossing to avoid the congestion and travel time unreliability, but concerns were raised about possible impacts to traffic during construction.

User safety (road, train, pedestrian and cyclist)

Respondents suggested that an area for improvement is pedestrian crossing facilities as well as better cyclist connectivity. It was also suggested there is the potential opportunity to improve safety as vehicle speed through this location to avoid getting delayed by waiting for a train to pass. It was suggested that there are opportunities to improve safety for turning vehicles either side of the level crossing.

What’s next?

We are analysing the feedback from the community and stakeholders along with technical data to identify opportunities to remove the rail level crossing on Cormack Road.

This work will help inform future potential funding and planning considerations.

More information

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