

# Kangaroo Island Road Safety and Bushfire Resilience Package

## Project Update – March 2024

We are delivering an upgrade to Kangaroo Island's key arterial roads to improve road safety and bushfire resilience. This \$40 million package of upgrades is funded by the Australian (80%) and South Australian government (20%).

## Works Update

Works are continuing on the Island. The pavement rehabilitation works on the Playford Highway have now been completed, with the final seal treatments and line marking to be undertaken in the coming months. Traffic restrictions will remain in place until this work is complete.

Works on Hog Bay Road are underway across various locations. To keep everyone safe please observe speed restrictions and onsite signage.

All works for the Kangaroo Island Road Safety and Bushfire Resilience Package are expected to be completed in mid-2024.

## Engagement Summary

In September 2023 we received feedback regarding tree removals along the canopied section of Hog Bay Road, 2km south of Penneshaw. Following this, we conducted an internal project design review to ensure we are achieving the project objectives of improving road safety and bush resilience whilst balancing other competing priorities including minimising the impact on the environment.

The outcome of this review resulted in a change to the project design and a significant reduction in the number of trees planned to be removed along the canopied section of Hog Bay Road. The revised scope of removals includes a reduction of nearly 75% when compared to the original scope.

In December 2023 we hosted a series of Community Information Sessions on Kangaroo Island to share this revised design with the community and seek any further comments. We would like to thank everybody who attended these sessions.

Around 60 people attended the three December 2023 sessions held in Penneshaw and Kingscote. The importance of minimising the impact to the trees along the canopied section of Hog Bay Road was reinforced at these sessions by many of those in attendance. Some attendees also expressed their view that the speed limit be reduced along this stretch of Hog Bay Road to 80kmph.

Following consideration of the project objectives, further community feedback, and further assessments undertaken



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(including a review by the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water), the scope of works for the project has been confirmed.

## Project Scope along canopied section

The safety upgrades for the canopied section of Hog Bay Road, 2km south of Penneshaw, will include:

- Both lanes widened to 3.3 metres
- creation of a sealed and unsealed shoulder on both sides of the road
- installation of safety barriers
- new line marking.

To achieve the critical safety upgrades, some tree removal is unavoidable with approximately 35 trees needing to be removed from the canopied section.

There are no plans to reduce the speed along the canopied section of Hog Bay Road as part of this package of works. Following our internal review, we can confirm the current speed limit of 100kmph is in accordance with the Speed Limit Guideline for South Australia (the Guideline). Alignment with the Guideline ensures a consistent and appropriate approach to speed limits across the State, helping to ensure road safety and reduce the risk of non-compliance. The Guideline can be viewed by visiting [www.dit.sa.gov.au/speedlimits](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/speedlimits)

Whilst we appreciate that some community members would like to see a reduction to the speed limit, the project scope is considered appropriate to achieve the project objectives of increasing road safety, bushfire resilience and freight productivity, minimising the impact on the environment, and ensuring alignment with relevant State and Federal guidelines.

## Next steps

**Works on the canopied section of Hog Bay Road will start the week commencing Monday 18 March 2024, and are expected to be completed in mid 2024, weather permitting.**

To keep everyone safe, speed and lane restrictions will be in place throughout the work area and will remain in place for the duration of work. Access to driveways will be maintained throughout the works however some short-term access interruptions may be unavoidable. Please observe on site signage and the instructions of onsite traffic controllers. Please expect delays and plan ahead.

## Further information

More information regarding the project, including Frequently Asked Questions, can be found on the project webpage at [www.dit.sa.gov.au/kiroads](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/kiroads)

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