Freight Highway Upgrade Program

Port Wakefield Road (Lower Light to Inkerman)

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$500 million (80:20) over 10 years to improve the safety and reliability of national freight routes. This includes the upgrade of three major highways in South Australia.

More than 3,200 heavy vehicles a day use the Stuart, Augusta and Dukes highways, which are vital transport corridors for freight crossing the nation. About half of those vehicles are B-doubles and road trains. The upgrades will improve freight productivity by reducing travel times for the delivery of goods to businesses and the community, as well as reducing operating costs for commercial vehicles.

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport is undertaking shoulder works on Port Wakefield Road (part of the Augusta Highway corridor), between Lower Light and Inkerman.

Works are continuing on the section between Dublin and Wild Horse Plains and are nearing completion.

Due to unforeseen circumstances the remaining works are now expected to be complete by mid-August 2023 (weather permitting). Works will continue to be undertaken seven days a week between 7am and 5:30pm.

To safely undertake these works, traffic will continue to be reduced to a single lane, with traffic controllers onsite to manage the flow of traffic. Speed restrictions will remain in place throughout the work area for the duration of the works. Outside of working hours, the highway will open to traffic in each direction.

Road users are asked to please plan ahead, expect delays, allow extra travel time and take extra care when workers are on site.

Observe speed limits, lane restrictions and traffic controllers when travelling through the area. Access to properties will be maintained during the works wherever possible, with advance notice provided if there is a need to restrict driveway access temporarily.

Some noise disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however the work will be managed to minimise disturbance as much as practically possible. Every effort will be made to minimise impacts to the community.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

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Kind regards

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