

Granite Island Causeway Project

Heritage (non - Aboriginal)

The South Australian Government has committed \$31.1 million towards the Granite Island Causeway Project, to be delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

The Granite Island Causeway (the Causeway) is located 83 km south of Adelaide on the Fleurieu Peninsula and is the only link between Granite Island and the mainland at Victor Harbor.



View along the Causeway towards Granite Island with Victoria Pier spur and Working Jetty visible in distance. c.1917 Source: State Library of South Australia, Mortlock Pictorial Collection PRG 280/1/11/40

Recent conditional assessment confirmed that the Causeway has reached the end of its life and is beyond reasonable repair. This project proposes to construct a new Causeway, slightly east of the existing Causeway. Once the new Causeway is operational, the existing Causeway will be decommissioned, subject to approvals.

These works will include a partial deconstruction and partial restoration of the existing Causeway and associated public realm upgrades and ancillary works. The retained portions of the existing









Causeway, located at each land end, will be repaired and enhanced as viewing platforms with integrated signage. Salvageable material is proposed to be carefully dismantled and used for repair of retained portions and also reused in landscaping, public art, interpretation and wayfinding.

The Causeway is part of a larger State heritage listed place, the *Granite Island Causeway, Screw- pile Jetty, Breakwater & Cutting, partly located within Granite Island Recreation Park.* The listing recognises the historical significance of the elements as port facilities that were built to serve as the ocean port for the River Murray trade. The Heritage Register Nomination Report observed that the "integrity of the State heritage listed place has been impaired by the removal of portions of jetty but the extent and nature of the activities on the site is still evident".



Seascape of Victor Harbor, with Working Jetty and wharf, Causeway and Victoria Pier spur visible from Granite Island. c. 1880. Source: State Library of South Australia, Mortlock Pictorial Collection, B9152

Details regarding the consideration of Aboriginal Heritage aspects of the Project are presented in a separate factsheet.

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