

# Eyre Highway Upgrades - Kimba

## Project update

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is undertaking upgrade works on Eyre Highway between Port Augusta and the Western Australian border. This initiative is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments (80:20) as part of the Roads of Strategic Importance Program.

As part of this program, the Department is planning to realign Eyre Highway and upgrade four road junctions at Kimba. This will allow for uninterrupted, continuous movements through the township, improving safety and efficiency for all roads users, including freight and local residents.

The proposed design included the construction of a new heavy vehicle rest area which would increase freight productivity while also supporting compliance with the National Heavy Vehicle Fatigue Laws through the provision of regular, suitable rest areas. Other proposed works included the construction of a new pedestrian refuge, removal of the existing level crossing, new and upgraded LED road lighting, road pavement construction, asphalt re-surfacing, and new drainage.

Community engagement is important to the successful delivery of the project. Thank you to all members of the community who took the time to provide feedback. Consultation on the proposed concept commenced in January 2023 and closed on Friday, 17 March 2023.

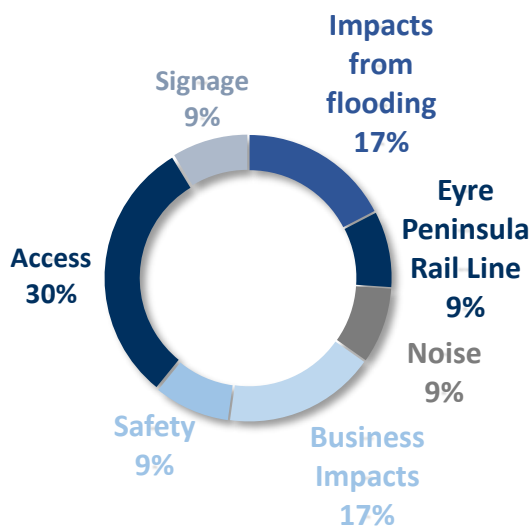
During this period:

- information about the consultation was provided digitally via email and reached over 4,260 people through the Department's social media channels;
- the Department held two community pop-up sessions in Kimba to meet the community and seek feedback, attended by 25 people; and
- a total of five email submissions and four phone calls were also received.

### What we heard during the recent consultation period

Out of the 16 feedback submissions, the following key themes were identified:

- **Safety** concerns about speeding trucks and rear-end accidents from vehicles turning into Kimba;
- **Access** impacts in and around the Kimba township;
- **Signage** - desire for improved town signage and directional signage;
- **Business impacts** from the potential loss of access to town from Kimba-Cowell Road;
- **Noise** impacts from heavy vehicle traffic;
- **Impacts from flooding** from heavy rains; and
- **Eyre Peninsula Rail Line** – desire to see the rail line maintained for potential future use.



### Next steps

We look forward to sharing updates with the community as planning progresses.

For more information, or to register for future updates, please call 1300 794 880, email [DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.Engagement@sa.gov.au) or visit [www.dit.sa.gov.au/kimba](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/kimba)

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