

# Wellington Road and Heysen Boulevard Roundabout

## Vegetation Fact Sheet

The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is delivering a new single-lane roundabout on Wellington Road to connect with the extension of Heysen Boulevard in Mount Barker.

This project is jointly funded by the South Australian Government under the Road Safety and Partner Funded Program and by residential and commercial developers.

### Minimising impacts on vegetation

Impacts to vegetation removal have been assessed throughout the design development process and alternative options have been considered and adopted, where feasible, to minimise impacts on trees and other vegetation.

The removal of trees within the construction area will be required to deliver the project.

Two large native trees in the project area were identified as being of particularly high value. The Department, in collaboration with the Mount Barker Council, has taken measures to ensure these trees are retained and protected throughout construction.

Arborist advice received noted the works may impact one of these trees if the appropriate measures were not introduced. In response to this advice, the design was updated to incorporate a retaining wall near the tree to minimise disturbance to the roots. Fencing has also been established around both trees to ensure that no damage occurs during construction.

### Enhancing amenity and habitat

To offset the loss of trees and vegetation, the Department will make a contribution into the Native Vegetation Fund. These funds are managed by the Native Vegetation Council and are allocated to on-ground native vegetation revegetation, restoration or protection works via grants.

### Managing vegetation removal

Prior to tree removal on site, the work area will be inspected by a suitably qualified specialist and where required, fauna will be relocated to a similar habitat.

### Reusing limbs and trunks

Tree hollows are important for local fauna as a number of species use hollows to nest. To maximise habitat in the surrounding area following construction, tree hollows will be harvested during vegetation removal activities and reinstated to the nearby vegetation to enhance the habitat in line with the Department's requirements.

### More information

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