

Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project

Demolition works

The Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project, is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian governments.

Port Wakefield Road typically carries 8,800 vehicles per day, however, this can increase to around 16,000 during holiday peak periods.

As a result of high holiday traffic volumes and conflicting traffic movements at the intersection with the Copper Coast Highway, lengthy queues have been experienced causing substantial delays. The Augusta Highway and Copper Coast Highway intersection north of Port Wakefield is one of the State's busiest regional road intersections being a national and regional link between Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Yorke Peninsula.

The project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users, particularly during peak travel times and public holidays, and improve safety and freight productivity along the National Land Transport Network.

As part of the project, the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI) advises that property demolition works will be undertaken in close proximity to your property. These demolition works will occur at the former 'Tucker Time' shop site, on the corner of George Street and Catherine Street, adjacent the Port Wakefield Highway.

Timing of works:

Works are expected to commence Tuesday, 11 February, and be complete by mid-March, weather permitting. Works will be undertaken between 7am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Activities:

Prior to the demolition works commencing, temporary fencing will be installed around properties for safety reasons, and utility service disconnections will be undertaken.

The project team has completed Property Condition Assessments (PCAs) of adjacent, identified properties in close proximity. The PCA helps to capture information about the current condition of surrounding properties prior to any works commencing. This is a precautionary measure only and it is not expected that demolition activities will have any negative impact on adjacent properties.

An asbestos assessment of the site has been completed prior to demolition and any identified asbestos will be removed by a licenced asbestos contractor in accordance with Environmental Protection Authority

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Guidelines, which includes air monitoring during demolition. These measures will ensure the safety of the community and workers at all times.

Major construction of the Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication is scheduled to commence in the second half of 2020, with project completion expected in 2022.

What to expect:

Pedestrians are advised to take care when moving through the area. For safety reasons there may be some restricted access.

Temporary and minor traffic restrictions may apply in the vicinity of the works and signage will be in place to alert all road users, including pedestrians, to any changes to conditions. Road users are advised to take care when driving through the area.

Access to residential and business properties will be maintained at all times.

DPTI will make every effort to minimise noise and disruption during this period, and thanks you for your patience while these works are carried out.

Yours sincerely

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