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# Grange Road Holbrooks Road and East Avenue Intersection Upgrade

# **Project Update**

In late 2023 we sought feedback from the community on the concept design to relieve congestion and improve safety and connectivity for all road users at the intersection of Grange Road, Holbrooks Road and East Avenue.

Since then, the project team has been considering your feedback and completing further technical investigations and planning works.

# What we heard

During our community engagement, we received 88 survey responses and met with 75 attendees who attended the two community information sessions. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to provide valuable local insights.

## **Community information sessions feedback**

During the community information sessions, there was general community support for the project. Common themes identified across the community focused on a desire to improve safety and connectivity for all road users at this location.

Many community members identified that incorporating a dedicated left turn lane from Grange Road onto Holbrooks Road could improve traffic flow on Grange Road.

Community members also requested a new Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (PAC) at Grange Road between Hallet Boulevard and Coombe Road, as well as raising concerns over local side street and property access, concern for potential increase in rat running and the need for bus shelters and local landscaping.

Themes raised by the community at the information sessions generally reflected the feedback provided in the online survey, which is outlined below.

# Community Information Sessions

75 attendees at two community information sessions in late 2023

#### Online Community Feedback Survey

88 community responses, mostly from people living locally (82%)

#### Key Survey Themes Identified

- Pedestrian Safety (34%)
- Road Design (20%)
- Local Access (19%)





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## Online survey feedback

From our online survey, the majority of participants identified as living locally, 46% of participants stated their main method of traveling around the area is by car, followed by 31% of people who walk around the area,11% of people who cycle around the area and 8% who catch public transport around the area.

Participants were asked to rank what is most important to them for this upgrade. The following were identified as being the most important:

- Relieving congestion in this location (45%).
- Improving pedestrian and cycling access and safety (28%).
- Minimising impacts during construction (14%).

## Local insights

Participants were also asked to provide feedback and local insights around the project area. The top three key themes identified were, improving pedestrian safety followed by road design and improving local access through the area. See Table 1 for further details.

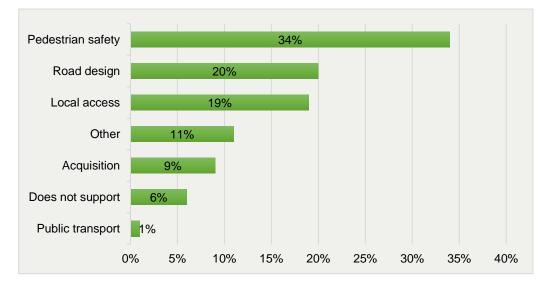


Table 1 Community feedback survey key themes

## Survey local insight breakdown

## **Pedestrian safety**

Improving pedestrian safety received the highest level of community feedback (34%) with concern for safety on side streets around the intersection, particularly for families and children accessing local schools in the locality. Overwhelmingly, people requested a new pedestrian actuated crossing (PAC) at Grange Road between Hallet Boulevard and Coombe Road be included as part of the project - see Table 2 below.

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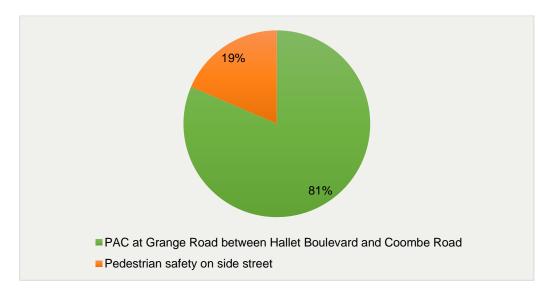
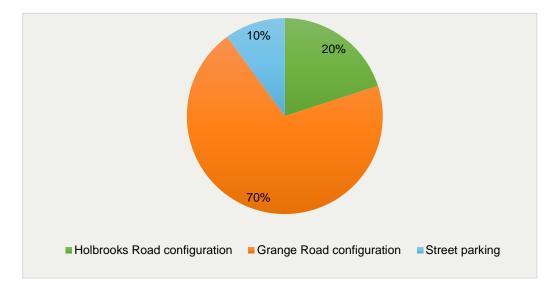


Table 2 Pedestrian safety breakdown

## Road design

The road design received 20% of all community feedback, with the majority of responses believing that more emphasis was needed on the Grange Road configuration. The most common request was for a dedicated left-turn lane from Grange Road onto Holbrooks Road to help with traffic congestion. Following this feedback, the upgrade will now include the left-turn lane.



Additional feedback included introducing a second lane to the entire length of Holbrooks Road and removing street parking to help improve traffic flow during peak times – see Table 3 below.

Table 3 Road design breakdown

#### Local access

Local Access received 19% of all community feedback. Half the feedback was concerned with potential increase in rat running during construction of the project and afterwards, for example increase in traffic using Morrell, Foster and Barham Streets.

The other half of feedback identified the difficulty local residents have accessing/exiting side streets and properties on Holbrooks Road and East Avenue. Residents also reported the difficulty turning right from Banks Avenue onto Holbrooks Road and were concerned that the project would make these movements more challenging. – see Table 4 below.

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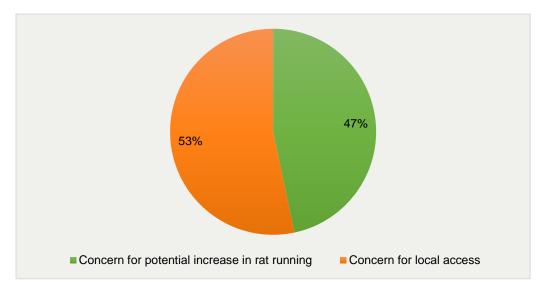


Table 4 Local access breakdown

## Other feedback

Other community feedback received asked us to provide information about how we will manage dust and noise during construction, what landscaping will be included, and how vacant land, such as land next to the On the Run petrol station site will be managed when the project is finished. We will provide more information about these concerns before construction commences.

## **Pedestrian Actuated Crossing (PAC)**

We are pleased to confirm that a new PAC will be installed on Grange Road between Hallett Boulevard and Coombe Road. The new PAC will improve pedestrian access for the community and contribute to improved safety when crossing Grange Road. It will be installed prior to commencement of major construction of the intersection upgrade works late 2024. The new PAC is jointly funded by the Australian and South Australian governments (50:50) as part of the National Road Safety Program.

We will provide advanced notice prior to commencing works. Refer to the project website to view the concept design of the PAC.

# What's next

The project team will continue to work through and consider your feedback and complete further technical investigations and planning works. We look forward to sharing the final design with you later in 2024, prior to commencing major works. Additional community information sessions will be scheduled at this time to share the final design and answer any questions about the project.

Over the coming months, early works will continue as part of the planning works. Localised demolition activities will also occur during this time to make room for the new road alignment. We will keep you up to date and nearby residents will be notified prior to any demolition activities commencing.

To register and receive updates about the project and the new PAC scan the QR below code or visit the website.

# **Further information**

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