



# TRURO BYPASS CONSULTATION

## Project Fact Sheet

Public Consultation Commencing October 2021

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$202 million (80:20) to fund the design and construction of a bypass of Truro which will divert heavy traffic along the Sturt Highway out of Truro's main street, improving safety and amenity, as well as freight efficiency. The Department for Infrastructure and Transport (the Department) is currently in the early design stage of the project.

A concept design for the bypass has been developed however the final bypass alignment has not been decided. Site investigations and consultation with the community will be carried out first to inform the design. We now invite you to provide feedback. Your feedback will help inform the detailed design and delivery of this project.

This project also unlocks opportunities to support the Truro community including Truro township upgrades aimed at building on the existing amenity and historical character of the town. Now is the opportunity to share your thoughts and any ideas.

### BACKGROUND

The Sturt Highway is the major road freight corridor connection between South Australia and New South Wales. Approximately 4,000 vehicles per day travel through the town of Truro and 30% are heavy commercial vehicles, which includes approximately 600 B-Doubles and road trains each day.

As an important freight route, the demand for the Sturt Highway to cater for larger freight vehicles is increasing. In order to improve safety and amenity in Truro, as well as to improve freight efficiency, the project will divert heavy traffic along a new Sturt Highway alignment away from Truro township.

### WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

The Department has been investigating potential options to identify the best solution to remove trucks from the main street. In 2020 the Department consulted initially with Council and key stakeholders to better understand concerns and potential opportunities.

The assessment so far has considered social, environmental and economic impacts. The following key criteria have been identified as important with the anticipated increase in heavy vehicle traffic on Sturt Highway moving through the town:

- Ensuring heavy vehicles are removed from the town main street.
- Identifying a diversion as close to the township as possible to ensure locals continue to be able to easily access the township and visitors are encouraged to stop.
- Identifying a road bypass alignment that improves efficiency for trucks and commercial vehicles. A road alignment that reduces the steep gradients, and with minimal bends, is critical.
- Identifying further opportunities to enhance the township of Truro for locals and tourism opportunities.

### PROPOSED ALIGNMENT

The final bypass alignment has not yet been decided and is currently in the early design stage. Planning work so far has identified north of the township as the solution that improves safety and amenity in Truro, and improves freight efficiency.

The key benefits of this option are:

- Improving the amenity of Truro by removing large trucks from the main street to enhance its historic character.
- Reducing the noise, vibrations and emissions from trucks.
- Improving safety by removing the conflict between large trucks, town vehicles and, pedestrian movements.
- A road alignment that improves vehicles' efficiency, particularly through the Accommodation Hill section.

Preliminary planning work identified that an alignment south of Truro would not provide suitable access to the township.



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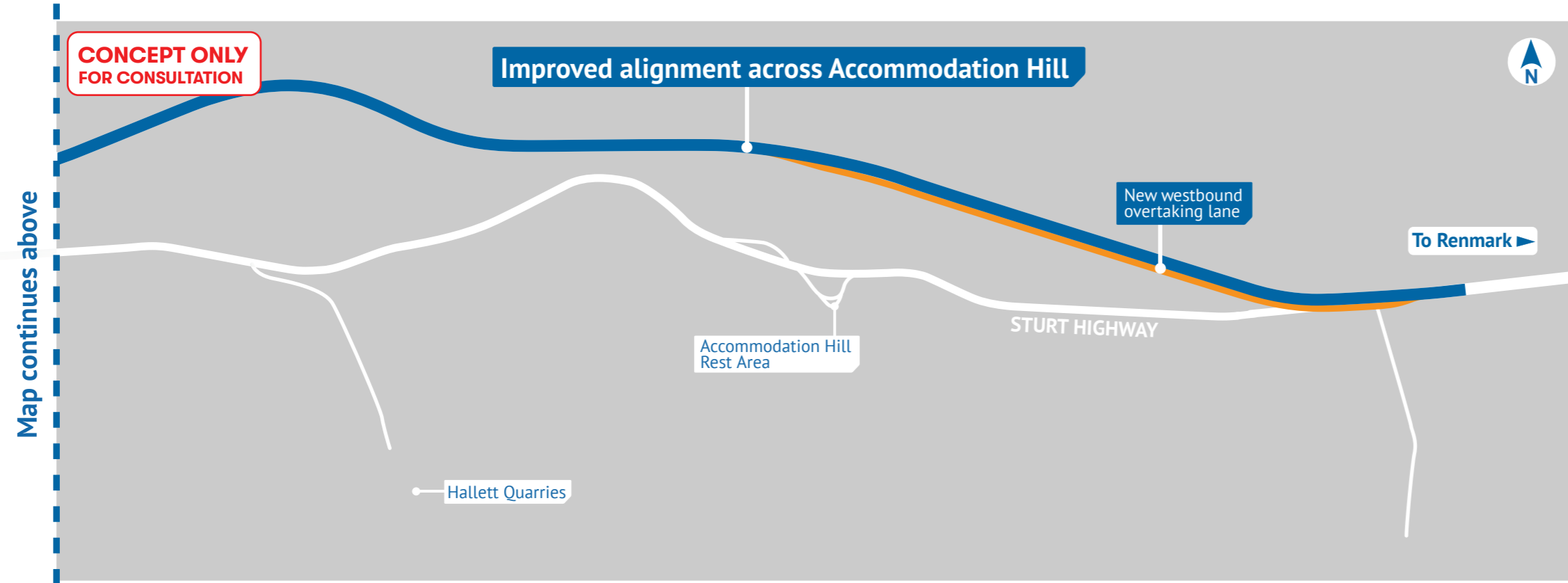


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# Sturt Highway: Truro Bypass - Indicative alignment



**Legend**

- New road
- New overtaking lane

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE TRURO

The scope of this project unlocks opportunities to enhance Truro including Moorundie Street. The Department will continue to work with Council and the community to ensure that these enhancements meet the needs of the town, its residents and businesses. Enhancements could include main street beautification, improved public amenities and tourism signage to help make Truro a destination in its own right.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

- Commencing in October 2021, the Department will engage with community and stakeholders to seek their feedback.
- Site investigation activities will also be carried out to inform the design process.
- Feedback received and outcomes of site investigation activities will be used to inform the detailed design and potential enhancements to the town.
- Further information will be provided, including an updated design in early 2022. We will continue to engage with the community to inform the detailed design throughout its delivery.
- Prepare detailed designs for construction.
- Present the final design to the community.

## Construction of Truro Bypass

- Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2023 and be completed in 2025.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Community and stakeholder consultation is important to the success of the project. To find out more about the project, to provide your feedback or to register for project updates please:

Visit the project webpage: [dit.sa.gov.au/trurobypass](https://dit.sa.gov.au/trurobypass)

Email us at [dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au](mailto:dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au)

Call us on **1300 794 880**

**Feedback on the Truro Bypass Project will close on Friday, 12 November 2021.**

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSIONS

Please join us at one of the below information sessions to speak to members of the planning team, and provide your feedback.

To ensure COVID-19 physical distancing requirements are met, registration is essential.

To register your attendance, please:

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Email us at: [dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au](mailto:dit.communityrelations@sa.gov.au)

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### Tuesday, 12 October 2021

4pm to 5.30pm and 5.30pm to 7pm  
Truro Oval - Railway Terrace, Truro

### Wednesday, 13 October 2021

10am to 11.30am and 11.30am to 1pm  
Truro Oval - Railway Terrace, Truro

If you are unable to attend and would like to meet with a member of the team please contact us to arrange a meeting.

In addition to this project The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$87.5 million (80:20) to upgrade the Sturt Highway, between Renmark and Gawler, as part of the Roads of Strategic Importance (RSI) program. This will include:

- **Road rehabilitation** works including **shoulder sealing, resurfacing** and upgraded **barriers**.
- Additional **overtaking lanes**.
- Improved and additional **rest areas**.
- Safety enhancements at **key junctions** of the Sturt Highway.
- A **widened** section of Highway near the Renmark caravan park to allow for movement of larger trucks.
- **Berri to Renmark road duplication** planning study.



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