

Main South Road Upgrades

What We Heard. April 2026

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Project Overview

The Project will deliver critical safety improvement works along Main South Road between Myponga and Cape Jervis.

Work is now underway on three new overtaking lanes between Normanville and Cape Jervis. These overtaking lanes will support improved traffic flow and safety for locals, tourists, and heavy vehicles, while help build capacity for future growth.

The three overtaking lanes are part of a \$111.8 million commitment jointly funded (50:50) by the South Australian and Australian governments to improve safety on Main South Road between Myponga and Cape Jervis.

The total project includes a two more overtaking lanes between Myponga and Yankalilla, along with other upgrades such as curve easing, road widening, and the widening of narrow bridges and culverts.

In January 2026, we held three community information sessions to share details on the

three new overtaking lanes being constructed at Cape Jervis, Delamere and Second Valley.

Sessions were held at the Normanville Shopping Centre, Cape Jervis Community Club and the Myponga Hall. Community members were invited to share their thoughts on the planned upgrades between Myponga and Yankalilla.

Earlier consultation was undertaken between November 2022 to May 2023 to better understand community concerns, answer questions and help inform the final design. Across all sessions, 59 people attended at the three locations.

Overtaking lanes between Normanville and Cape Jervis

These sessions gave the community an opportunity to view the final design for each overtaking lane in detail. Most of the conversation centred on construction timeframes and potential traffic impacts during works, including traffic management, detours and road restrictions.

Local farmers and property owners raised questions about the locations of site compounds and any potential restrictions to access for their properties during construction.

Overall sentiment was supportive of the new overtaking lanes.



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Upgrades between Myponga and Yankalilla

Most feedback for this section of Main South Road related to the section south of Myponga to Wattle Flat which was widely seen as the most dangerous part of the route due to steep hills, numerous curves and limited overtaking opportunities.

There was strong support for safety improvements in this section, with many suggesting curve easing, widening, improved shoulders and additional overtaking lanes. Road users highlighted concerns about safely passing trucks, particularly where the road has been narrowed by concrete blocks.

The condition of the road was also raised, with comments about cracking, potholes, crumbling shoulders, poor drainage leading to pooling water, and subsidence caused by heavy vehicle use. Some community members noted that newer motorcycle-friendly safety barriers can collect debris, contributing to drainage issues.

Poor sightlines were identified on sections south of Myponga near Forktree Road, where vegetation limits visibility around tight curves.

It was also noted that the recently sealed Reservoir Road, which connects to Carrickalinga, is increasingly being used as an alternative route due to its smoother and quieter conditions. However, road users raised concerns about limited sightlines at its intersection with Main South Road due to trees and requested additional “entering traffic” signage.

Next steps

Rock breaking is currently underway at Cape Jervis and Second Valley to prepare for overtaking lane construction at these locations in the coming months.

Construction of the overtaking lane at location one (Wirrina Cove) is due to commence in late April 2026. Speed restriction will be in place all location for the duration of the project, expected to be completed in early 2027

Concept designs for the section of Main South Road between Myponga and Yankalilla currently being developed and are expected to be released for community consultation in the second half of 2026.

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