

# Vegetation Management

## Fact Sheet – South Eastern Freeway Upgrade Project

### Heysen Tunnels

The removal of some vegetation is needed to allow us to construct the new fire suppression system. Some minor vegetation clearance is also required to install the new gantry.

#### Minimising vegetation impacts

The works have been carefully designed and staged to minimise vegetation impacts as much as practically possible however some vegetation removals are unavoidable.

The design avoids the removal of large trees wherever possible, with the majority of removals being shrubs, less mature trees and ground covering.

As part of the detailed design process, vegetation surveys were undertaken to inform the design and construction methods. Where possible, options have been considered and adopted to minimise impacts on trees and other vegetation.

#### Managing vegetation removals

Any vegetation impacts will be managed and offset in accordance with legislative requirements and the Department's guidelines.

Removal of vegetation will be carefully supervised by an arborist as required. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if animals are found, they will be relocated under the supervision of a suitably qualified fauna handler.

Weeds and non-native vegetation will be disposed of offsite appropriately.

#### Timing and location

The majority of vegetation removal will occur within the road corridor with some also occurring alongside Old Mount Barker Road directly above the tunnels for the water tanks.

Vegetation removal commenced in October 2023 and will occur progressively throughout the project.

#### For more information

For more information on the project and to subscribe for project updates, please:

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