

Bunbury Outer Ring Road

The Bunbury Outer Ring Road (BORR) is a key infrastructure project supported by the Australian and State governments. It will provide an alternative route for freight and regional traffic around Bunbury, helping to reduce congestion and enhance safety for local traffic.



Objectives and benefits

- Reduce local congestion through increasing efficiency for freight vehicles and regional traffic
- Improve long term access to the Bunbury Port
- Support socio-economic growth and facilitate integrated development in greater Bunbury and the South West region
- Enhance amenity on local roads by reducing freight and regional traffic
- Create a safer road system for our community

Key project elements

- A new 27km high standard link joining Forrest Highway near Australind to Bussell Highway at Gelorup
- A new road directly linking Willinge Drive to South Western Highway to improve access to Bunbury Port from the south
- Bridges to separate freight and regional traffic from local traffic and rail crossings

Funding

- **May 2017:** \$12.5 million of joint funding announced by the Australian (\$10 million) and the State (\$2.5 million) governments to complete the planning and project development for the unbuilt sections (northern and southern) of the BORR. This work is to be completed by the end of 2019.
- **April 2018:** The Australian and State governments jointly announced the construction of the remainder of the Bunbury Outer Ring Road with the Australian Government committing \$560 million. The State Government funding will be provided towards Bunbury Outer Ring Road, subject to normal State Budget processes. The final project cost will be determined as part of business case development.

The BORR will provide more efficient access to the Bunbury Port, enabling expansion of existing and proposed industrial centres, supporting economic growth and creating more jobs



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The Bunbury Outer Ring Road is in three sections as follows:

NORTHERN SECTION

Forrest Highway to Boyanup Picton Road:

Since early 2017, Main Roads has been undertaking a planning study for the northern section of BORR to identify a solution that is aligned with the proposed future development of Greater Bunbury. This involved the investigation of two possible corridors for the road.

A preferred corridor has now been selected, with the decision supported by the Western Australian Planning Commission on 31 May 2018. This corridor, which is further east of a previously considered route, is now the subject of further detailed planning and project development. The eastern corridor:

- provides an integrated planning solution and defines an outer perimeter for development rather than dividing the Greater Bunbury footprint
- more effectively separates high speed regional and freight traffic from local Bunbury traffic improving safety, efficiency and improved port access
- starts further north and in doing so will improve safety for a number of intersections along the existing Forrest Highway (including Raymond Road, Grand Entrance, and Hynes Road)
- has the capacity to cater for a future population in excess of 200,000 people with 4 traffic lanes whereas the previous corridor would require a wider footprint with more lanes and larger interchanges.

CENTRAL SECTION

Boyanup Picton Road to Willinge Drive:

The existing 4 km central section was completed in May 2013, along with a 3 km extension of the Bunbury Port Access Road (Willinge Drive). BORR includes further improvements to this section, including the extension of Willinge Drive southwards to South Western Highway.

SOUTHERN SECTION

South Western Highway (near Bunbury Airport) to Bussell Highway:

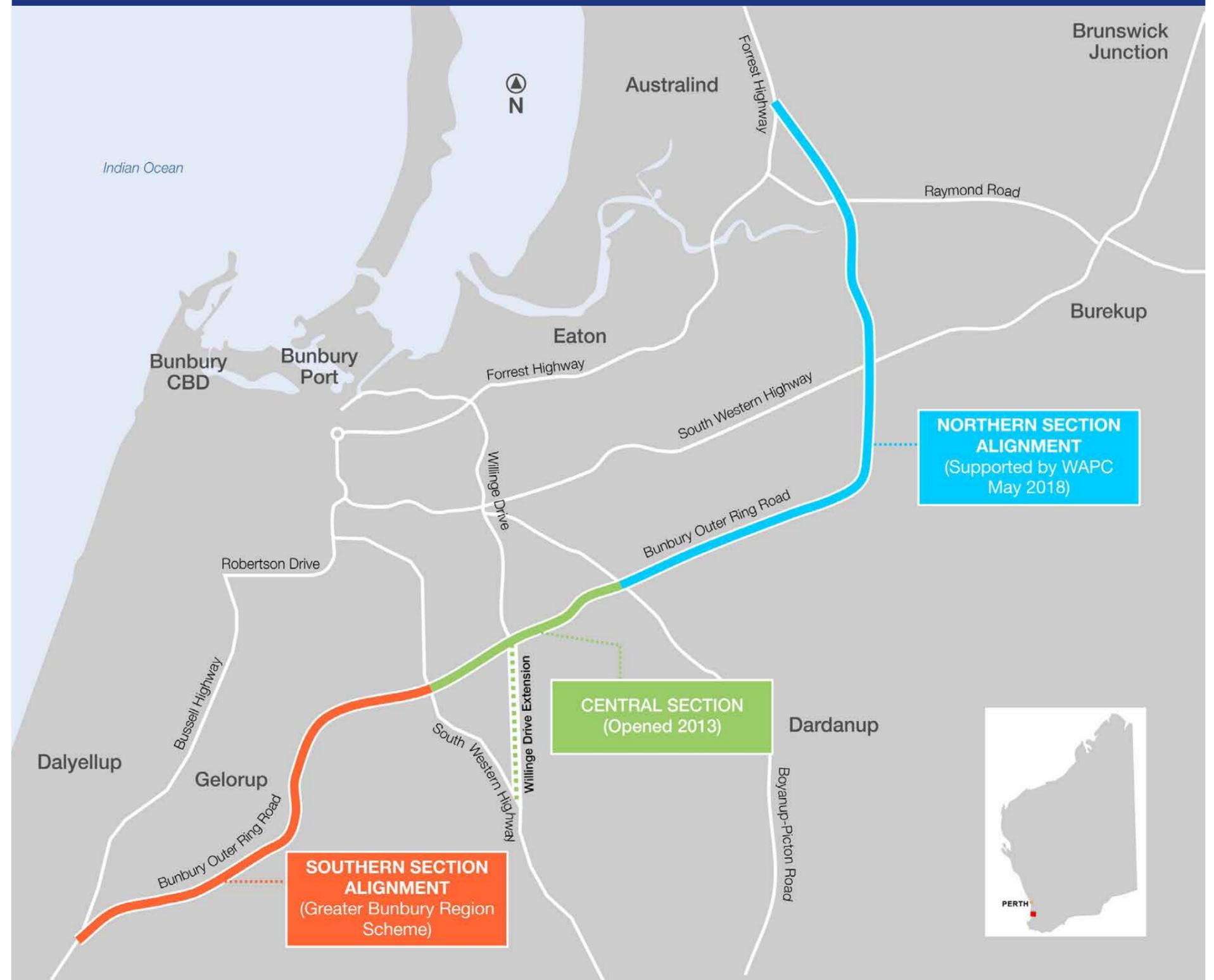
The existing corridor for the southern section of the BORR, has been reserved within the Greater Bunbury Region Scheme for many years.

Through Gelorup the reserve includes Federally-listed habitat for the Western Ringtail Possum, Black Cockatoo and Banksia Woodland Threatened Ecological Community. In May 2018, the Commonwealth Government elevated the conservation status of the Western Ringtail Possum from Vulnerable to Critically Endangered.

When referring the project for environmental approval it is necessary to demonstrate there are no feasible alternatives with lesser environmental impact.

As a result of the reclassification of the Western Ringtail Possum and the other Matters of National Environmental Significance, Main Roads is undertaking additional investigations to support the environmental approvals process for BORR. An alternative corridor has been identified for investigation, within which environmental surveys will be undertaken in addition to those for the existing corridor. Main Roads is liaising closely with affected landowners and members of the Gelorup community whilst these investigations continue.

Bunbury Outer Ring Road Planning Review





Project development

In April 2018, Main Roads formed an integrated project team to complete detailed planning and project development. Comprised of specialist consultants and Main Roads staff, it has been named the BORR Team.

The work of the BORR Team is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019 and includes an extensive program of community and stakeholder engagement in order to:

- establish the long term vision for BORR and identify land requirements
- secure all necessary approvals for construction to proceed, including environmental and heritage clearances
- identify the project to be built and prepare the information needed for Main Roads to procure delivery contracts.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

To register for project updates, visit www.mainroads.wa.gov.au and search for current projects.

You can also contact Main Roads on 138 138 or email enquiries@borrteam.com.au

Community and stakeholder engagement

Consultation with potentially impacted landholders has been carried out over many years, and is continuing along with broader community and stakeholder engagement. Activities to date include:

- June 2018 – Nominations were invited for Community Reference Groups
- July and September 2018 - Community Reference Group meetings held
- Local Government consultation
- Consultation with special interest groups including drainage, freight industry, road user groups and the Port
- Ongoing meetings with landowners.

This consultation will continue to the end of 2019.

Community information sessions

Four community information 'Drop In' Sessions will be held in October. Interested community members are welcome to call in anytime between 4.30pm and 7pm, to meet team members, view project information and ask questions.

Eaton Sports Club, 3 Council Drive, Eaton: Wednesday 24 October, between 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Leschenault Leisure Centre, Leisure Drive, Australind: Thursday 25 October, between 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Bunbury RSL, 19 Spencer Street, Bunbury: Tuesday 30 October, between 4.30pm and 7.30pm

Gelorup Community Hall, 40 Hasties Road, Gelorup: Wednesday 31 October, between 4.30pm and 7.30pm



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