



# Project Update

Project Update: April 2014

## Coalfields Highway Upgrade

Main Roads WA's South West Region's project to upgrade the Coalfields Highway to improve safety for all road users is continuing with a four kilometre extension to the Roelands Hill climbing lane.

### Background

The Roelands Hill Climbing Lane is one of five sections of the Coalfields Highway that are planned to be upgraded as part of an extensive works programme to improve the safety of the road. For details of the other four sections please refer to our previous newsletter, which can be found at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au), select Building Roads, Projects and Regional Projects.

The work on Roelands Hill involves a 4km extension of the existing climbing lane, starting just prior to the truck pull-off bay, and joining it to the overtaking lane at the top of the hill to create a continuous 7km long climbing lane over Roelands Hill. A sealed shoulder will be provided to enhance safety for motorists and cyclists.



### Progress

Construction of the climbing lane is progressing well, with off road works almost complete. Works will include clearing, earthworks, drainage, pavement construction, sealing and asphalt, line marking and signage.

From mid-March 2014 to the end of April 2014, the final pavement works, including sealing, will be undertaken, which will result in significant impacts to Coalfields Highway road users.

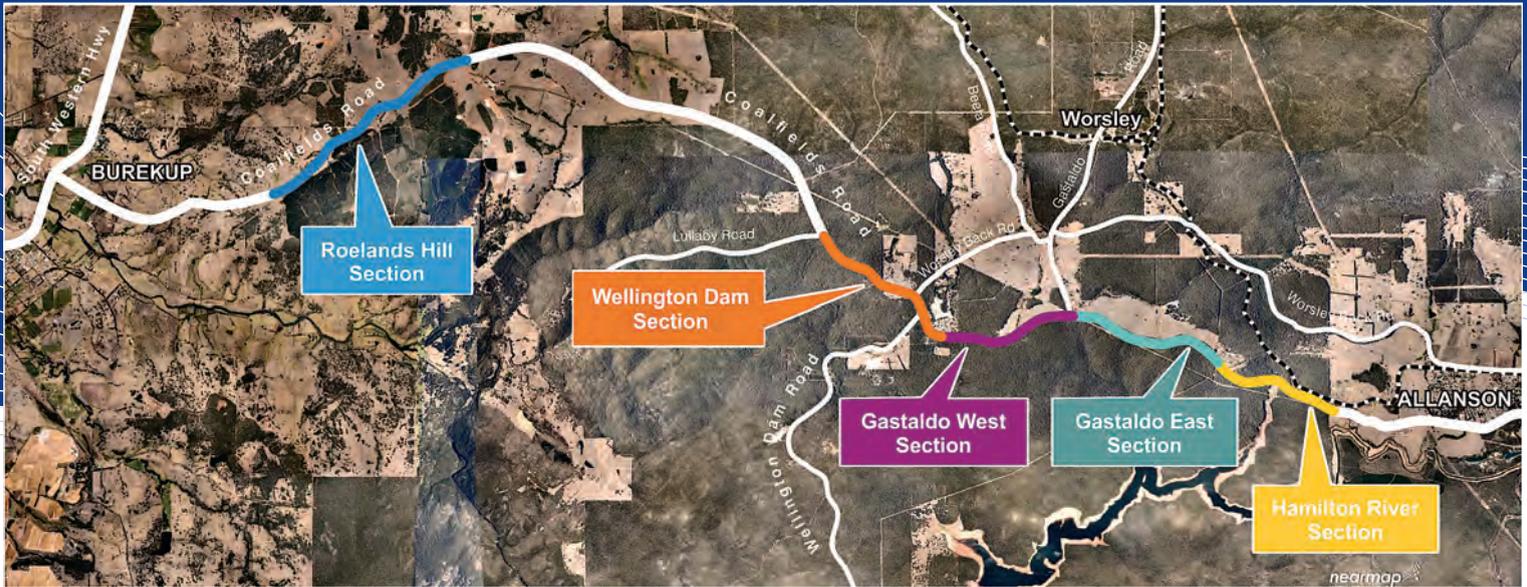
### Managing Impacts

Main Roads will be working with its Contractors to minimise delays. However, road users should plan for delays and disruptions with stop/go traffic management in place. The Contractor is required to keep a minimum of one lane open between 6am to 7:30am, and 3:30pm to 6pm but temporary closure of all lanes may be implemented at other times on an as-required basis.

Please pay attention to directions given by traffic controllers to ensure the safety of all road users and workers.

While environmental impacts were for this section of the project were minimal, Main Roads sought formal approvals for the works and a rehabilitation and revegetation program will be undertaken.





## Project Benefits

This section will provide benefits such as:

- increased safety;
- reduced driver frustration (and risk taking) with more opportunity to overtake slower vehicles; and
- reduce the number and severity of crashes.

## Update on Other Sections

Preconstruction planning and minor works for the remaining four sections of the Coalfields Highway upgrade from just west of Wellington Dam Road to Allanson continue to progress with the design, land acquisitions and service relocations in the process of being finalised.

For details regarding the scope, justification, benefits, and impacts of these sections please refer to our previous newsletter, which can be found at [www.mainroads.wa.gov.au](http://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au), select Building Roads, Projects and Regional Projects.

Main Roads expects to tender a contract for these sections later in 2014, with major works commencing in early 2015. Other works such as clearing, fencing, and service relocations will be undertaken, in advance, in preparation for the main contract.

## Community Contact

Roadworks information will be provided to the community on a regular basis via Variable Message Signs on site, and if appropriate, advertising in the local media.

We welcome queries or feedback from the community.

Please contact Carolyn Walker on:

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