



3 August 2021

File No. SF2019/010712  
Id. A38734195

State Emergency Service (SES)  
Murrumbidgee - Southern Zone Headquarters  
206 Fernleigh Road  
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650  
Phone 02 6932 9199  
Email [shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir / Madam

**Consultation regarding proposed Olympic Highway Intersections Upgrade in Wagga Wagga NSW**

Transport for NSW propose to upgrade the Old Narrandera Road and Travers Street intersections at the Olympic Highway in Wagga Wagga.

A Draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared for the proposed work so that Transport for NSW can examine and consider to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the proposed work. A copy of this Draft REF has been included in this correspondence.

The proposed work includes the following activities:

At the Old Narrandera Road intersection:

- installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Old Narrandera Road and the Olympic Highway, and associated utility connections
- extending the current Boorooma Street ramp to form a second southbound through lane on the Olympic Highway, merging south of the intersection
- retention of the existing right turn lane from the Olympic Highway into Old Narrandera Road
- retaining the current left-turn slip lane from the Olympic Highway into Old Narrandera Road
- retaining the current right-turn lane from Old Narrandera Road into the Olympic Highway
- construction of an additional right/left turn lane from Old Narrandera Road into the Olympic Highway
- construction of a second northbound through lane on the Olympic Highway from Old Narrandera Road to Boorooma Street exit
- property acquisition in the south-western corner of the intersection
- extension of existing culverts under the Olympic Highway and Old Narrandera Road
- native vegetation removal, including the removal of up to 0.61 ha of a threatened ecological community and 26 hollow-bearing trees (HBTs)
- use of Dukes Creek Bridge for construction plant access
- construction access tracks will be retained permanently to provide future safe access for inspection and maintenance of the road, traffic signals and utilities.

At the Travers Street intersection:

- relocating the intersection about 80 metres south of the existing roundabout to allow for two southbound lanes on the Olympic Highway
- building about 200 metres of new road as a realignment of Travers Street
- installation of traffic lights at the new intersection and associated utility connections
- reconfiguring Olympic Highway lanes at the new intersection to include turning lanes into Travers Street
- changes to the Moorong Street northern connection onto the Olympic Highway to create a left-in left-out arrangement
- building of a northbound right turning lane into Travers Street
- changes to Olympic Highway northbound lanes and medians south of the Travers Street intersection, with traffic to merge into a single lane before the intersection
- native vegetation removal, including removal of seven hollow-bearing trees
- removing the roundabout and existing Travers Street connection to the Olympic Highway
- increase the headwall and wingwall height and installation of traffic barriers at the horse underpass culvert on the Olympic Highway
- changes to the horse pathway on the eastern side of the Olympic Highway horse underpass culvert, including relocation of the horse pathway to the Murrumbidgee Turf Club and the installation of fencing
- providing driveway access and parking on the old Travers St road pavement for the Wiradjuri Walking Track
- potential temporary and permanent relocation of the existing Shared User Path between Travers Street and Murrumbidgee Turf Club
- removal of part of a Council area used for Murrumbidgee Turf Club overflow car parking
- potential temporary relocation and/or widening during construction of the Wiradjuri Walking Track under the Gobbagombalin Bridge.

Both sites will also include:

- Vegetation removal
- General construction activities including changes to the existing pavement levels and medians, noise treatment works, and relocating existing utilities such as streetlights and electricity poles/lines
- Potential night works to avoid traffic delays during the day
- Temporary traffic management that may result in some lane closures, traffic detours and delays, including potential temporary Olympic Highway closure which is subject to further construction staging planning
- Temporary construction facilities such as site compounds, stockpile areas, parking areas and temporary fencing.

The proposed work is considered to be permissible without consent, as described under clause 94 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP). The proposed work will be assessed under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). Development consent from Council is not required.

It is noted that the proposed work does not meet the definition of a 'specified development' under clause 16(2) of the ISEPP. However, the project will impact flood liable land, therefore requiring consultation with State Emergency Services (SES) and Council under clause 15 of the ISEPP.



Transport  
for NSW

We would appreciate if you could provide any comments about this proposal within 21 days by 24 August 2021.

The Transport for NSW Project Manager, Sam Millie, may be contacted on 0429 665 954 or via email: [sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S Millie'.

Sam Millie  
Project Manager, Regional Project Delivery  
Transport for NSW

**Transport for NSW**

Level 2, 193 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 | PO Box 484, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
P 0429 665 954 | W [roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au) | ABN 18 804 239 602

**From:** [Barry Griffiths](#)  
**To:** [Sam Millie](#)  
**Subject:** FW: TfNSW Olympic Highway Intersection Upgrades Wagga Wagga - ISEPP consultation letter and draft Review of Environmental Factors REF  
**Date:** Monday, 23 August 2021 1:57:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [image007.png](#)  
[ISEPP Consultation Letter SES signed.pdf](#)

**CAUTION:** This email is sent from an external source. Do not click any links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

Hi Sam,

I have reviewed the letter and I can't see any issues that would impact the NSWSES significantly. As discussed on the phone, the temporary worksites need to have a flood evacuation plan when located below road level on the Murrumbidgee River side of the Olympic Highway. Outside evacuating personnel, the plan should include arrangements for the removal of hazardous substances and fuels etc to limit environmental damage and also include the removal of equipment and resources that could float away and cause damage to structures downstream.

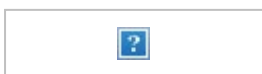
regards

*Barry Griffiths*

**Working flexibly:**

*Due to the nature of my role, I am often travelling if you are expecting a response or have a deadline I may have missed please make contact via mobile on 0427 285 119 as I may not be monitoring emails.*

*If you receive an email out of hours, it's because that is a convenient time for me. I do not expect you to read, respond or act on it until your normal business hours.*



**Barry Griffiths**

**Deputy Zone Commander**

NSW State Emergency Service - Southern Zone

P 02 4247 7776 M 0427 285 119 E [barry.griffiths1@one.ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:barry.griffiths1@one.ses.nsw.gov.au)

206 Fernleigh Rd Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

[www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)



**OUR MISSION: SAVING LIVES AND CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES.**

**OUR VISION: A TRUSTED VOLUNTEER-BASED EMERGENCY SERVICE, WORKING TOGETHER TO DELIVER EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE.**

**FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOODS AND STORMS CALL THE NSW SES ON 132 500**

*The NSW SES acknowledges the traditional custodians of the lands on which we*

*walk, work and live. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture and pay respect to Elders, past and present.*

---

This message is intended for the addressee named and may contain confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient, please delete it and notify the sender. Views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender, and are not necessarily the views of the NSW State Emergency Service.

---

**From:** Southern Zone Admin <shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 10 August 2021 9:30 AM  
**To:** Barry Griffiths <barry.griffiths1@one.ses.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: TfNSW Olympic Highway Intersection Upgrades Wagga Wagga - ISEPP consultation letter and draft Review of Environmental Factors REF

**Liz Harris**

**Financial Services Officer**

NSW State Emergency Service – **Southern Zone**

P 02 4247 7799 M 0411125472 E [shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au)

---

206 Fernleigh Road Wagga Wagga, NSW, 2650  
[www.ses.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au)



**MISSION - NSW SES SAVING LIVES AND PROTECTING COMMUNITIES**

**VISION - BE THE BEST VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA**

**FOR EMERGENCY HELP IN FLOODS AND STORMS CALL THE NSW SES ON 132 500**

---

This message is intended for the addressee named and may contain confidential information. If you are not the intended recipient, please delete it and notify the sender. Views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender, and are not necessarily the views of the NSW State Emergency Service.

---

**From:** Sam Millie <[Sam.MILLIE@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sam.MILLIE@transport.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 August 2021 12:57 PM  
**To:** Southern Zone Admin <[shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Cc:** Timothy Wilson <[Timothy.V.WILSON@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Timothy.V.WILSON@transport.nsw.gov.au)>; Gemma Barber <[gemma.barber@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gemma.barber@transport.nsw.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** TfNSW Olympic Highway Intersection Upgrades Wagga Wagga - ISEPP consultation letter and draft Review of Environmental Factors REF

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from outside of the organisation. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognise the sender and know the content is safe.

---

State Emergency Service (SES)  
Murrumbidgee - Southern Zone Headquarters  
206 Fernleigh Road, Wagga Wagga 2650  
Phone 02 6932 9199  
Email [shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shz.admin@ses.nsw.gov.au)

Transport for NSW propose to upgrade the Old Narrandera Road and Travers Street intersections at the Olympic Highway in Wagga Wagga.

A Draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared for the proposed work so that Transport for NSW can examine and consider to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the proposed work. A copy of this Draft REF has been included as a Citrix Sharefile link in this correspondence.

We hope you can access via Citrix Sharefile the documents at the attached link:  
<https://tfnsw.sharefile.com/home/shared/foaf5b7b-38c0-475d-b7a7-b1ccab22cca1>

It is noted that the proposed work does not meet the definition of a 'specified development' under clause 16(2) of the ISEPP. However, the project will impact flood liable land, therefore requiring consultation with State Emergency Services (SES) under clause 15 of the ISEPP.

We would appreciate if you could provide any comments about this proposal within 21 days by 24 August 2021.

The Transport for NSW Project Manager, Sam Millie, may be contacted on 0429 665 954 or via email: [sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Project details are also available on the Transport for NSW project website link:  
<https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/olympic-highway-intersection-upgrades/index.html>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need more information.

Regards

Sam Millie  
Project Manager  
Regional Project Delivery  
Infrastructure and Place  
**Transport for NSW**

T 02 6923 6594 M 0429 665 954  
Level 2, 193 Morgan St Wagga Wagga NSW 2650



I work flexibly. Unless it suits you, I don't expect you to read or respond to my emails outside of your normal work hours.

This email is intended only for the addressee and may contain confidential information. If you receive this email in error please delete it and any attachments and notify the sender immediately by reply email. Transport for NSW takes all care to ensure that attachments are free from viruses or other defects. Transport for NSW assume no liability for any loss, damage or other consequences which may arise from opening or using an attachment.

 **Consider the environment. Please don't print this e-mail unless really necessary.**



3 August 2021

File No. SF2019/010712  
Id. A38676248

Peter Thompson  
General Manager  
City of Wagga Wagga  
243 Baylis Street  
WAGGA WAGGA NSW 2650  
Email [council@wagga.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wagga.nsw.gov.au)

Dear Sir

### **Consultation regarding proposed Olympic Highway Intersections Upgrade in Wagga Wagga NSW**

Transport for NSW propose to upgrade the Old Narrandera Road and Travers Street intersections at the Olympic Highway in Wagga Wagga.

A Draft Review of Environmental Factors (REF) has been prepared for the proposed work so that Transport for NSW can examine and consider to the fullest extent possible, all matters affecting or likely to affect the environment by reason of the proposed work. A copy of this Draft REF has been included in this correspondence.

The proposed work includes the following activities:

At the Old Narrandera Road intersection:

- installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Old Narrandera Road and the Olympic Highway, and associated utility connections
- extending the current Boorooma Street ramp to form a second southbound through lane on the Olympic Highway, merging south of the intersection
- retention of the existing right turn lane from the Olympic Highway into Old Narrandera Road
- retaining the current left-turn slip lane from the Olympic Highway into Old Narrandera Road
- retaining the current right-turn lane from Old Narrandera Road into the Olympic Highway
- construction of an additional right/left turn lane from Old Narrandera Road into the Olympic Highway
- construction of a second northbound through lane on the Olympic Highway from Old Narrandera Road to Boorooma Street exit
- property acquisition in the south-western corner of the intersection
- extension of existing culverts under the Olympic Highway and Old Narrandera Road
- native vegetation removal, including the removal of up to 0.61 ha of a threatened ecological community and 26 hollow-bearing trees (HBTs)
- use of Dukes Creek Bridge for construction plant access
- construction access tracks will be retained permanently to provide future safe access for inspection and maintenance of the road, traffic signals and utilities.

#### **Transport for NSW**

Level 2, 193 Morgan Street, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650 | PO Box 484, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650  
P 0429 665 954 | W [roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roads-maritime.transport.nsw.gov.au) | ABN 18 804 239 602

At the Travers Street intersection:

- relocating the intersection about 80 metres south of the existing roundabout to allow for two southbound lanes on the Olympic Highway
- building about 200 metres of new road as a realignment of Travers Street
- installation of traffic lights at the new intersection and associated utility connections
- reconfiguring Olympic Highway lanes at the new intersection to include turning lanes into Travers Street
- changes to the Moorong Street northern connection onto the Olympic Highway to create a left-in left-out arrangement
- building of a northbound right turning lane into Travers Street
- changes to Olympic Highway northbound lanes and medians south of the Travers Street intersection, with traffic to merge into a single lane before the intersection
- native vegetation removal, including removal of seven hollow-bearing trees
- removing the roundabout and existing Travers Street connection to the Olympic Highway
- increase the headwall and wingwall height and installation of traffic barriers at the horse underpass culvert on the Olympic Highway
- changes to the horse pathway on the eastern side of the Olympic Highway horse underpass culvert, including relocation of the horse pathway to the Murrumbidgee Turf Club and the installation of fencing
- providing driveway access and parking on the old Travers St road pavement for the Wiradjuri Walking Track
- potential temporary and permanent relocation of the existing Shared User Path between Travers Street and Murrumbidgee Turf Club
- removal of part of a Council area used for Murrumbidgee Turf Club overflow car parking
- potential temporary relocation and/or widening during construction of the Wiradjuri Walking Track under the Gobbagombalin Bridge.

Both sites will also include:

- Vegetation removal
- General construction activities including changes to the existing pavement levels and medians, noise treatment works, and relocating existing utilities such as streetlights and electricity poles/lines
- Potential night works to avoid traffic delays during the day
- Temporary traffic management that may result in some lane closures, traffic detours and delays, including potential temporary Olympic Highway closure which is subject to further construction staging planning
- Temporary construction facilities such as site compounds, stockpile areas, parking areas and temporary fencing.

Several potential site compound and stockpile sites are located on Council land, and Transport for NSW would like to seek Council permission for their use. Refer to Area No. ON1, ON2, ON3, ON8, ON10, ON11 around Old Narrandera Road in Figure 1.2, and Area No. T3, T5, T6 around Travers Street in Figure 1.3 in the attached REF.

Transport for NSW notes that Council staff have participated in the project's Value Management Workshop September 2019, Constructability, and Health and Safety in Design HSID Workshops March 2021 and Value Engineering Workshop April 2021.

The proposed work is considered to be permissible without consent, as described under clause 94 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP). The proposed

**Transport for NSW**





work will be assessed under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). Development consent from Council is not required.

It is noted that the proposed work does not meet the definition of a 'specified development' under clause 16(2) of the ISEPP. However, the project will impact flood liable land, therefore requiring consultation with State Emergency Services (SES) and Council under clause 15 of the ISEPP.

We would appreciate if you could provide any comments about this proposal within 21 days by 24 August 2021.

The Transport for NSW Project Manager, Sam Millie, may be contacted on 0429 665 954 or via email: [sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sam.millie@transport.nsw.gov.au).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S Millie'.

Sam Millie  
Project Manager, Regional Project Delivery  
Transport for NSW

31 August 2021

Sam Millie  
Project Manager, Regional Project Delivery  
Transport for NSW  
Via: [Sam.MILLIE@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Sam.MILLIE@transport.nsw.gov.au)

**RE: Consultation regarding proposed Olympic Highway Intersection Upgrade in Wagga Wagga, NSW**

Dear Sam,

Council acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 3 August 2021 that forms the formal consultation provisions of the Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy 2007 (ISEPP) for works being undertaken without consent that impact on Council's infrastructure, assets and community. Council thanks you for granting a 7 day extension to provide a response.

Council considers 21 days to read, interpret and digest a 1500 page document to provide a written response for Transport for NSW's consideration to satisfy the requirement of the ISEPP to be grossly inadequate given the direct impacts Council believes the project will have on the local road network.

The upgrade of these intersections and consideration and planning for ongoing and continued growth of the City (including the duplication of the Gobbagombalin Bridge) is a significant and important issue for Council. Please be advised that this correspondence has not been formally endorsed by Council as 21 days is not sufficient time to prepare a report to a Council Meeting for their consideration and response.

Given the significance of this project and noting the potential Environmental Impacts and local road network impacts identified in the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), officers of the City of Wagga request a formal presentation of the recommendations and findings of the REF. This should be undertaken with the Councillors as part of the consultation process to enable Council to be fully informed when considering this proposal and deciding on their response. Workshops with the Council are available every other Monday evening from 5pm.

It is noted that your letter advises the works will impact flood liable land and therefore consultation is required with the SES and Council under clause 15 of the ISEPP, however after reading and interpreting the draft REF, Council officers are of the opinion that the project will redirect traffic away from the State Road network and onto the local road network, thereby generating traffic to an extent that will strain the capacity of the local road system. Council therefore believe that consultation is also required under clause 13.

Whilst your letter notes that Council staff have participated in the projects *Value Management, Value Engineering, Constructability and Health and Safety in Design workshops*, it does not indicate that Council have expressed concern and do not support the installation of traffic signals at either intersection as advised at the workshops. Councils current position is that grade separation works should be constructed at the intersections in the short term (1-5 years) with duplication of the Gobbagombalin Bridge occurring in the medium term (5-15 years).

The REF indicates that there will be additional impacts on the local road network at numerous locations, diverting traffic across the local road network whilst relieving pinch points in the state road network. These local impacts especially the potential future upgrades identified in the REF (Travers and Fitzmaurice Street intersection) require further consideration and detailed review by Council. This will enable full consideration of the implications on Council's assets, the local community and future funding.

Council remains concerned with the proposed treatment for equine access at Travers Street. We remain of the view and request that further consideration be given to construction of a grade separated crossing as part of the Travers Street intersection works to eliminate safety issues of race horses associated with the Murrumbidgee Turf Club having to cross Travers Street at grade and interact with vehicles.

Council is receptive to the use of Council land referred to as area ON1 and ON8 around Old Narrandera Road in Figure 1.2 and T3 around Travers Street in Figure 1.3 of the REF, subject to appropriate Environmental protection measures and approvals being obtained.

We trust in your understanding to this response and are willing to work collaboratively with Transport for NSW to achieve a safer, more efficient and effective outcome for the community of Wagga Wagga.

Yours faithfully



Warren Faulkner  
Director infrastructure Services