

Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication



The Australian and South Australian Governments announced \$90 million joint funding for the construction of a single lane overpass at the intersection of Augusta Highway and the Copper Coast Highway, along with improvements to the Port Wakefield Road running through Port Wakefield.

The Australian Government committed \$72 million with an \$18 million commitment from the State Government of South Australia.

The Augusta Highway and Copper Coast Highway, north of Port Wakefield, is one of the state's busiest regional road junctions being a national and regional link between Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Yorke Peninsula.

Port Wakefield Road typically carries 8,600 vehicles per day however this increases to around 14,500 during holiday peak periods. As a result of High Holiday traffic volumes and conflicting traffic movements and lengthy queues have been experienced causing substantial delays.

The project will deliver a single lane overpass to help relieve congestion and reduce travel time for vehicles travelling south from the Yorke Peninsula using Copper Coast Highway towards Port Wakefield. The project will also include duplicating the main road to four lanes through the Port Wakefield township, further increasing efficiencies, easing congestion and improving safety along the national freight route.

A new roundabout and Balaklava Road connection to provide better access between the two roads, to assist with freight movements to Balaklava via Bowmans, will be considered as part of this project. This will remove the need for the heavy vehicles to/from Balaklava, from the north, to travel along the highway through Port Wakefield.

The project will deliver the following benefits:

- Improve safety at the Augusta Highway junction with the Copper Coast Highway
- Reduce travel time in peak periods for vehicles travelling from the Yorke Peninsula, using Copper Coast Highway
- Increase road capacity through the Port Wakefield Township to improve traffic flow and safety
- Improve freight efficiency for heavy vehicles



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