

# Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication

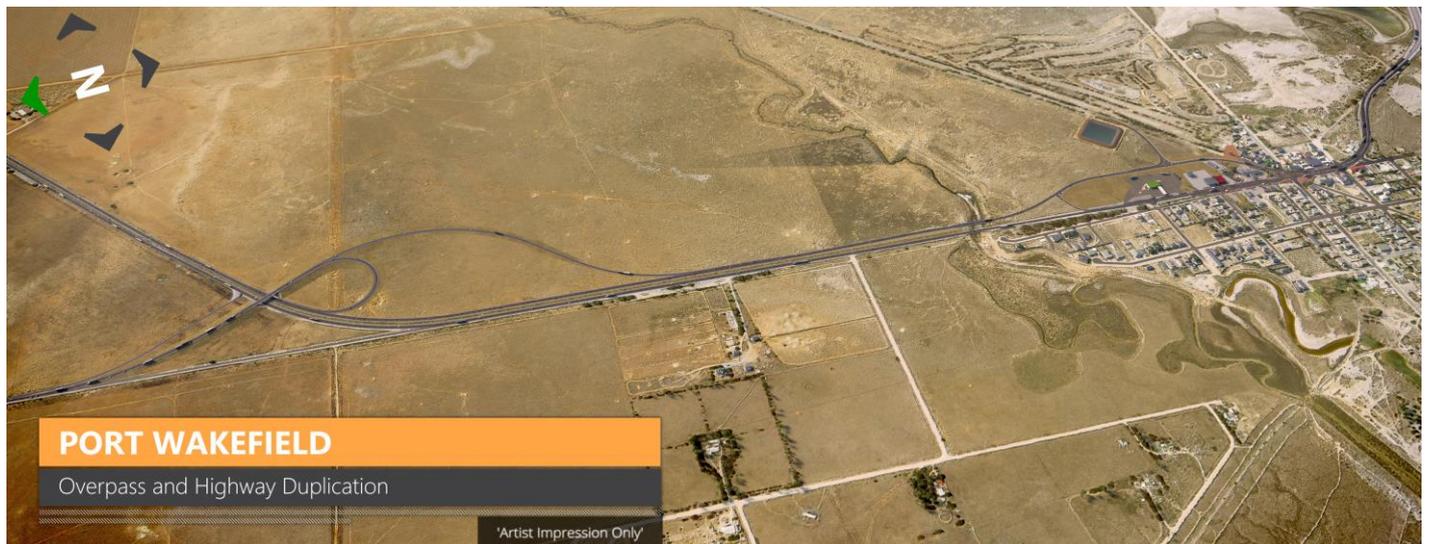
## Project overview

The Port Wakefield Overpass and Highway Duplication Project, is a joint initiative of the Australian and South Australian Governments

Port Wakefield Road typically carries 8,800 vehicles per day, however, this can increase to around 16,000 during holiday peak periods. As a result of high holiday traffic volumes and conflicting traffic movements at the intersection with the Copper Coast Highway, lengthy queues have been experienced causing substantial delays. The Augusta Highway and Copper Coast Highway intersection north of Port Wakefield is one of the State's busiest regional road intersections being a national and regional link between Adelaide, Port Augusta and the Yorke Peninsula.

The project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion for all road users, particularly during peak travel times and public holidays, and improve safety and freight productivity along the National Land Transport Network.

A Concept Design was released in August 2018. On 28 January 2019, the South Australian Government announced new design options were being considered, which has resulted in an updated Concept Design, announced in November 2019, taking into account feedback from stakeholders.



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## The updated Concept Design includes:

- two lanes in each direction through the Port Wakefield township with provisions for safe U-turn movements;
- a realigned dual carriageway through the Port Wakefield township, allowing for increased parking and landscaping opportunities, as well as safer vehicle and pedestrian movements. This will make it safer to build and reduce disruption to motorists during construction;
- a realigned Balaklava Road intersection with the Port Wakefield Highway, allowing for safer turn movements;
- new bridges across the Wakefield River;
- a new two-lane overpass for traffic travelling southbound from the Copper Coast Highway to Port Wakefield, and for traffic travelling along the Augusta Highway to the Copper Coast Highway; and
- the new overpass will remove all hazardous at-grade turn movements at the intersection of the Port Wakefield Highway, Copper Coast Highway and Augusta Highway.



## Project Time Frames

Site investigation works are continuing to late 2019.

An Expression of Interest to prequalified industry groups was released in July 2019, with two shortlisted tenderers (CPB Contractors Pty Ltd, Aurecon Pty Ltd and GHD Pty Ltd, and Lendlease Pty Ltd and KBR Pty Ltd) invited in mid-September 2019, to submit an offer as part of the next stage of the procurement process.

The Alliance contract is expected to be awarded in the first quarter of 2020, with main works expected to commence in the second half of 2020.

Project completion is expected in 2022, weather permitting.

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