



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PIGGOTT RANGE ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

### What is the project about?

The project, funded through the federal government's Black Spot Program, will upgrade Piggott Range Road where a history of crashes has occurred on either side of Easton Road.

In the interest of road safety, the project will improve the section of Piggott Range Road starting approximately 400m south of Easton Road and finishing approximately 260m north of Easton Road at Chandlers Hill.

The available crash data shows that vehicles are either failing to negotiate the series of curves or are colliding with other vehicles when negotiating the intersection of Piggott Range Road and Easton Road.

It is anticipated that work will commence and be completed in the 2023-24 financial year.

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### What work is being undertaken?

The work will include:

- upgrading Piggott Range Road to realign curve geometry and to improve superelevation (making it easier to navigate road curves, reducing skidding and tipping)
- shoulder widening
- providing new protected turn lane for vehicles turning right from Piggott Range Road into Easton Road
- removal of roadside hazards
- potential provision of guardrail to protect vehicles from roadside hazards.

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### What feedback/input is council seeking from the community?

We are keen to hear your feedback on the project to understand the level of community support to improve safety on this section of

road, noting that this project will require the removal of trees and other vegetation. Whilst we will be required to plant new trees to offset the loss of any vegetation, we recognise that members of the community may have legitimate concerns about this project's environmental impact.

Due to the constrained nature of the site and minimum road design requirements, there is limited opportunity for further changes to be made to the design. If you do however have local knowledge that may be beneficial, please let us know.

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### Are trees being removed as part of the work?

Initial designs identified approximately 278 trees as being impacted by the proposal.

Through careful redesign this number has been significantly reduced to require the removal of up to 123 trees to enable the project to be implemented with the goal of saving lives and reducing road trauma.

To facilitate the project's objectives, the work will require the removal of up to 123 trees that includes:

- 110 trees of various size protected by the Native Vegetation Act
- 13 trees not protected by the Native Vegetation Act, including:
  - 1 'Significant' tree with a circumference greater than 3 metres
  - 1 'Regulated' tree with a circumference between 2-3 metres
  - 11 other trees with a circumference less than 2 metres.

Removing trees to facilitate a project is always a last resort.

We understand the importance and value that trees bring to the amenity of residents, the environment and local wildlife. However, due to layout of the site this upgrade cannot be completed without tree removals.

During construction, other factors may be identified to limit the removal of trees and all efforts will be made to retain as many trees as possible.

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### **Will more trees be planted?**

Yes, more trees will be planted to replace those that are removed.

110 of the impacted trees require approval for their removal under the Native Vegetation Act. Of the remaining trees not protected by the Native Vegetation Act, two of these require separate approval under the Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act.

Both the above approval processes for tree removals require the planting of new trees to offset the impact of their removal.

These new trees will be planted upon completion of the project.

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### **Where will the new trees be planted?**

Council has two existing approved offset planting sites at Christie Creek and Glenloth Reserve where new trees will be planted. These two offset planting sites are approved by the Native Vegetation Council.

We are also planning to undertake additional planting and landscaping as part of the road construction works.

Location and plant species selection, including some tree species, will need to be suitable for the site so it will not create road hazards in the future.

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### **Is there an approval process to remove trees?**

The removal of any trees identified as being protected by the Native Vegetation Act must be approved by the Native Vegetation Council through a formal process. This is likely to involve a separate public consultation process administered by the Native Vegetation Council.

Any proposed removal of Significant or Regulated Trees which are not protected by the Native Vegetation Act will be reported to Council, including feedback from community engagement.

This will be submitted to Council for approval to proceed with submitting a Development Application (DA) for their removal.

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### **How will local wildlife be protected?**

An assessment on wildlife habitat will be undertaken for the project and any roadside habitat located within the work zone will be protected or relocated to safe areas.

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### **Will the project involve other landscaping?**

We will consider opportunities to plant low-level species along the roadsides in consultation with our Parks team.

This will be in addition to our obligations to replace native vegetation and significant and regulated trees.

Any new plantings will need to be appropriate for the surrounding local environment and must be small enough so that they are not potentially hazardous to vehicles.

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### **Will the project impact Aboriginal heritage sites?**

Council has lodged a search of the Register of Aboriginal Sites and Objects with Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation.

Any risks identified will be managed through Council's processes and in consultation with the First Nations People Advisory Group (FNPAG).

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### How is this project being funded?

The City of Onkaparinga has been successful in its bid as part of the Australian Government's Black Spot funding program.

Projects for black spot funding are 100% government funded and are administered by the State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT), where they are assessed on the frequency and types of crashes, costs involved to improve the location and the benefit to the community for the remedial treatment.

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### Will the speed limit change?

Separate to this black spot road safety project, council has recently applied to the State Government's Department for Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) to reduce the speed limit of Piggott Range Road from 80km/h to 70km/h.

This request for a reduced speed limit is in response to concerns raised by a number of residents regarding the speed of vehicles travelling along this section of Piggott Range Road and is part of a broader review of speed limits on the road network through the Onkaparinga Hills and surrounding area.

We have recently received in principle agreement from DIT to reduce the speed limit on Piggott Range Road to 70km/h, with information on this proposal including an invitation for feedback available on Your Say Onkaparinga at [www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay)

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### What else is being done to improve safety on other sections of Piggott Range Road?

The black spot road safety project on Piggott

Range Road at Easton Road addresses the busiest section of this road.

We are aware that other sections of this road have safety issues and some of these are being addressed via the following projects:

- Intersection of Piggott Range Road and Bains Road, where we completed installing a new protected right turn lane in April 2023, funded under the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding scheme.
- Intersection of Piggott Range Road and Upper Penneys Hill Road, where we have another project funded under the Australian Government's Black Spot scheme to upgrade the intersection and install wider shoulders.

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### Will any existing roadside memorials be impacted?

Council recognises that family and friends sometimes choose to honour a road victim's memory by erecting a roadside memorial.

This road safety upgrade proposes to address a road that has experienced multiple fatalities and we are aware of at least two existing roadside memorials.

Where a memorial may need to be relocated, Council will attempt to contact family members and/or friends of the victim to ensure they are included in the consultation process.

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### When will work commence?

It is anticipated that proposed work will commence and be completed in the 2023-24 financial year.

We will notify the community prior to any work starting.

**Where can I get more information and/or provide feedback?**

For all the information, and to comment on this project, please visit the Your Say Onkaparinga project page at:  
[www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay](http://www.onkaparingacity.com/yoursay)

Alternatively, contact us via one of the below methods:

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**Personal delivery** to one of our Customer Service Centres:

- Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre
- The Hub, Aberfoyle Park
- St Peters Terrace, Willunga
- Woodcroft Community Centre
- Aldinga Library

**A community information (drop-in) session** will be held on Thursday 10 May at Clarendon. Feel free to call in to Hazel McKenzie Hall, 7 Harper Road any time from 4–6:30pm where the project team will be available to talk about the safety upgrades and answer any questions you may have.

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