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## Vegetation

**Fact Sheet** 

# Managing vegetation during construction

We are working to proactively protect and minimise the impact on vegetation and wildlife along the road corridor.

#### Minimising impacts on vegetation

Minimising vegetation impacts has been a key consideration in the design development of this project however some tree and vegetation removal is required to duplicate the road and upgrade the intersection.



The existing width of the roads means that some vegetation removal is necessary to allow for duplication.

We will work closely with relevant authorities and impacted property owners to minimise and manage impacts to vegetation and wildlife.

#### Managing vegetation removal

Where impacts cannot be avoided, all care and consideration will be taken in the removal and handling of vegetation. Removal of impacted vegetation will be carefully supervised by a fauna specialist and an arborist. All trees will be inspected prior to removal and if animals are found, they will be relocated by professionals.

Any impacts will be managed and offset in accordance with legislative requirements and the Department's Environment and Heritage Technical Manual.

Where tree pruning or removal is required and the vegetation hangs over the existing roadway, the pruning may be undertaken at night to ensure the safety of both the public and our workers. Traffic flow will be managed while these works are occurring.

#### **Revegetation and landscaping design**

A variety of native plantings will be placed along the completed road corridor. The aim is to make a positive contribution to the local environment.



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The landscaping design aims to create a balance between the use of indigenous and nonindigenous species. Species selection will meet safety standards for distance to the road corridor.

Further information, including landscaping plans and vegetation species, will be provided as the landscape design progresses.



Native plantings will offset vegetation removal

#### **Reusing limbs and trunks**

Local wildlife rescue groups will be given some trunks, limbs and excess hollows for use. This provides habitat for native fauna.

Keeping and reusing suitable hollows for habitat is a way to minimise the impact of tree removal. Hollows will be placed on the ground amongst existing vegetation in locations where they do not cover native vegetation or present a hazard to people.

The remainder of the native vegetation materials that have been removed will be mulched and used in landscaping.

Weeds and non-native vegetation will be disposed of away from the construction site at an approved landfill facility.

## Vine health and protecting primary industry during construction

The health of vines in the McLaren Vale region is vital to the local community and the wine and tourism industry.

We are engaging with Vine Health Australia and local vineyards to ensure our work methods protect the health of vines, animal husbandry, cropping and grazing activities.

For more information, contact us on the details below or Vine Health Australia: <u>www.vinehealth.com.au</u>

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