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Dear Resident

Perth Link Roads – Second Community Information Session 17 May 2017

Work continues to develop the plan for the Perth Link Roads and understand the views of the local community. In conjunction with the Northern Midland Council's Perth Structure Plan, the Link Roads will provide many benefits for the town of Perth. Our key objective is to improve the safety, amenity and unity of Perth by removing through traffic, including heavy vehicles, from the town centre and residential streets.

As a result of ongoing local interest and the valuable feedback we received from the first public display in March 2017, the Department is holding another community information session. Even if you came to the first session, we encourage you to come along a second time. We will provide further information based on the issues raised and questions asked at the original forum.

The second session will also give you another opportunity to view the design, ask further questions and provide additional feedback. For those unable to attend, there will also be an opportunity to provide your input online.

Community information session

When: Wednesday 17 May 2017, 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Perth Community Centre, 173 Fairtlough Street, Perth

The design plans will be on display along with information about access onto the Midland Highway and Illawarra Road, noise concerns raised by residents, and the general amenity of Perth residential areas. Departmental staff will be on hand to answer your questions and record your feedback. Northern Midlands Council staff will also attend to answer questions about how the project fits in with the Council's Perth Structure Plan.

Online

When: 10 – 17 May 2017

Where: http://www.midlandhighway.tas.gov.au/projects/perth_link_roads

The same plans and information will be available as at the information session. You will be able to add your comments via an interactive map.

We encourage all residents to find out more about the project and have your say. Your feedback will enable the Department to better understand the community's perspective and ensure the project meets its key objective.

Yours sincerely

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Project Director Midland Highway

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Responses to a number of questions from the local community are provided on the next page

Additional information Perth Link Roads project

Why is there no local access at Illawarra Road into West Perth?

Given the predicted population growth in the area, the number of daily vehicle movements (mainly by workers and users of Longford services) between Perth and Longford is predicted to increase to around 3000.

An entry at Illawarra Road from the new Link Roads would concentrate all this traffic down residential streets. This raises a number of safety concerns, particularly for local residents. The design divides traffic between the northern and southern access to Main Road and sends traffic in and out of Perth via the commercial precinct of Main Road.

How will the design affect travel time between Perth and Longford?

Under the plan, there will be a choice of two exits from Perth onto the Midland Highway direct to Longford - at both the southern and northern end of Main Road. This will mean that the travel time for the majority of Perth residents from Perth to Longford will be slightly reduced or remain the same. For west Perth residents, travel time could increase by a few minutes.

Will the removal of the Illawarra Road access result in traffic being drawn away from Perth impacting commercial and tourism businesses?

Removing heavy vehicles from Perth centre and through traffic from residential streets supports the vision of a revitalised town centre and safer residential streets as reflected in Council's Perth Structure Plan.

The Department is working with Council to improve the appeal of the town through providing clear signage and access to Main Road. There is also work being undertaken as part of the Perth Structure Plan to improve the streetscape and design entry points to attract visitation.

What is the Department doing to reduce the noise impact of the new Link Roads?

The Department is collecting all the relevant data and notes the concerns about possible noise issues already raised by community members. This work includes detailed noise modelling and analysis.

When we have that information, we will consider the best noise mitigation options. These are likely to vary depending on the location and could include measures such as screens, fencing, tree planting or individual house treatments.

The Department will update the community on its planned approach to noise mitigation and discuss mitigation options with impacted households.