

***Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Section 43A**

**NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND A REFERRED PROPOSAL  
DURING ASSESSMENT**

**PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

(a) Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia (ABN: 50860676021)  
Don Aitken Centre, Waterloo Crescent  
EAST PERTH WA 6004

**PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:**

Tonkin Highway Grade Separated Interchanges (Hale Road and Welshpool Road)  
Environment Online Application No. 14073

Pursuant to s. 43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) gives approval to the assessment of the proposal being completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the proponent's request:

- Reduce the size of the development envelope by 6.94 ha (from 51.26 to 44.32 ha)

The amended Proposal Content Document and figures are attached.

**EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:**

1. The assessment of the proposal is to be completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the decision set out in this notice.
2. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to have been referred to the EPA under s. 38 of the EP Act.

**RIGHTS OF APPEAL:**

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



**Lee McIntosh**  
**Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority**  
DEPUTY CHAIR

15 January 2024

## Attachment 1- Amended Proposal Content Document and figure showing the amended proposal

# TGSI Hale Road & Welshpool Road

## Proposal Content Document

**Table 1:** General proposal content description

Proposal title	Tonkin Highway Grade Separation Interchanges (Hale Road and Welshpool Road)
Proponent name	Main Roads Western Australia
Short description	Main Roads is proposing to upgrade Tonkin Highway from south of Roe Highway to approximately 1 km north of Kelvin Road to a six-lane dual carriageway. The Proposal will include construction of a half diamond with north facing ramps at the Hale Road intersection in Forrestfield and a grade separated interchange at the intersection of Tonkin Highway and Welshpool Road in Wattle Grove.

**Table 2:** Proposal content elements

Proposal element	Location / description	Maximum extent, capacity or range
Physical elements		
Clearing and disturbance for road construction and associated infrastructure.	Proposal Development Envelope (DE) in Figure 1.	The Proposal comprises a total area of approximately 44.32 ha, including clearing or disturbance of up to 15.08 ha of native vegetation and 2.25 ha of non-native vegetation suitable for fauna habitat.
Proposal elements with greenhouse gas emissions		
Construction elements:		
Scope 1	26,613 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	
Scope 2	Nil	
Scope 3	22,000 tCO <sub>2</sub> e	
Operation elements:		
Scope 1	142 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (annually) 7,100 tCO <sub>2</sub> e (50 years)	
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**Summary of reasons for decision – request to amend a referred proposal during assessment under s. 43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986***

**Proposal title:** Tonkin Highway Grade Separated Interchanges (Hale and Welshpool Roads)

**Environment Online Reference Number:** APP-25070

**Date request to amend referred proposal under s. 43A received:** 20 December 2023

**Proponent:** Main Roads WA

**Proposal referral date:** 11 March 2021

**Level of assessment:** Assessment on Referral Information with Additional Information

**Existing referred proposal:**

Main Roads WA is proposing to upgrade Tonkin Highway from south of Roe Highway to approximately 1 km north of Kelvin Road to a six-lane dual carriageway. The proposal will include construction of a half diamond with north facing ramps at the Hale Road intersection in Forrestfield and a grade separated interchange at the intersection of Tonkin Highway and Welshpool Road in Wattle Grove.

**Short description of amendment(s) sought:**

The amendments include an overall net-reduction to the development envelope by 6.94 ha (from 51.26 to 44.32 ha) to minimise potential significant impacts.

**Decision:**

Amendments to proposal as set out in attachment 1 is approved.

**Environmental factors relevant to amendment(s):**

Flora and vegetation

Terrestrial fauna

Inland waters

**Summary of likely changes to environmental impacts from proposed amendment**

Amendment sought	Changes to environmental impacts
<p>Change to development envelope:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- reduction in size by 6.94 ha (from 51.26 to 44.32 ha)</li> </ul>	<p>Likely decreased impacts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Native vegetation clearing by 5.10 ha (from 20.18 ha to 15.08 ha) including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Banksia attenuata</i> woodlands over species rich dense shrublands TEC (FCT20a) (from 1.61 ha to 1.05 ha)</li> <li>o <i>Conospermum undulatum</i> individuals (from 62 individuals to 33 individuals)</li> <li>o Guildford Complex vegetation (from 4.42 ha to 2.62 ha)</li> <li>o Avoidance of direct impacts to three <i>Banksia mimica</i> individuals</li> <li>o Bush Forever sites (from 10.40 ha to 7.34 ha)</li> <li>o Carnaby's black cockatoo habitat (from 18.74h to 16.67ha), and Baudin's / forest red-tailed black cockatoo habitat (from 19.14ha to 16.67 ha)</li> <li>o black cockatoo potential breeding trees (from 141 to 114)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Conservation category wetlands (from 16.05 ha to 13.46 ha)</li> </ul> <p>Unknown extent of potential indirect impacts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- threatened flora individuals of <i>Conospermum undulatum</i>, <i>Banksia mimica</i> and <i>Andersonia gracillis</i> within close proximity to the amended development envelope. However, these potential indirect impacts are likely to be substantially the same as the existing proposal.</li> </ul>

**Summary of consultation**

Given the amendments being sought are for a reduction in potential environmental impacts, no additional consultation by proponent or EPA was necessary for this amendment.

**Summary of consideration of amendment**

The EPA has considered whether, if the proposal were already approved, the amendment would be a significant amendment. This has included considering the likely significance of:

- the effects of the proposed amendment on its own
- the effects of the proposed amendment in the context of the existing referred proposal
- cumulative environmental impacts
- holistic impacts

The EPA considers it has sufficient information about the proposed amendment to be able to reasonably proceed with assessment of the amended proposal without performing any additional functions at this stage.

The EPA considers the amended proposal will still be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

***Approval – not a significant amendment***

The EPA considers the amended proposal to be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal, and does not consider that the amendment would be a significant amendment if the proposal were already approved. The EPA considers it has enough information to reasonably proceed with assessment of the amended proposal without performing any additional functions at this stage.

**Attachments**

- Amended Proposal Content Document
- Figure showing changes

**Appeals:** Decision not appealable.



**Lee McIntosh**  
Deputy CHAIR  
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority

15 January 2024

## Attachments

## 1. Amended Proposal Content Document

# TGSI Hale Road & Welshpool Road

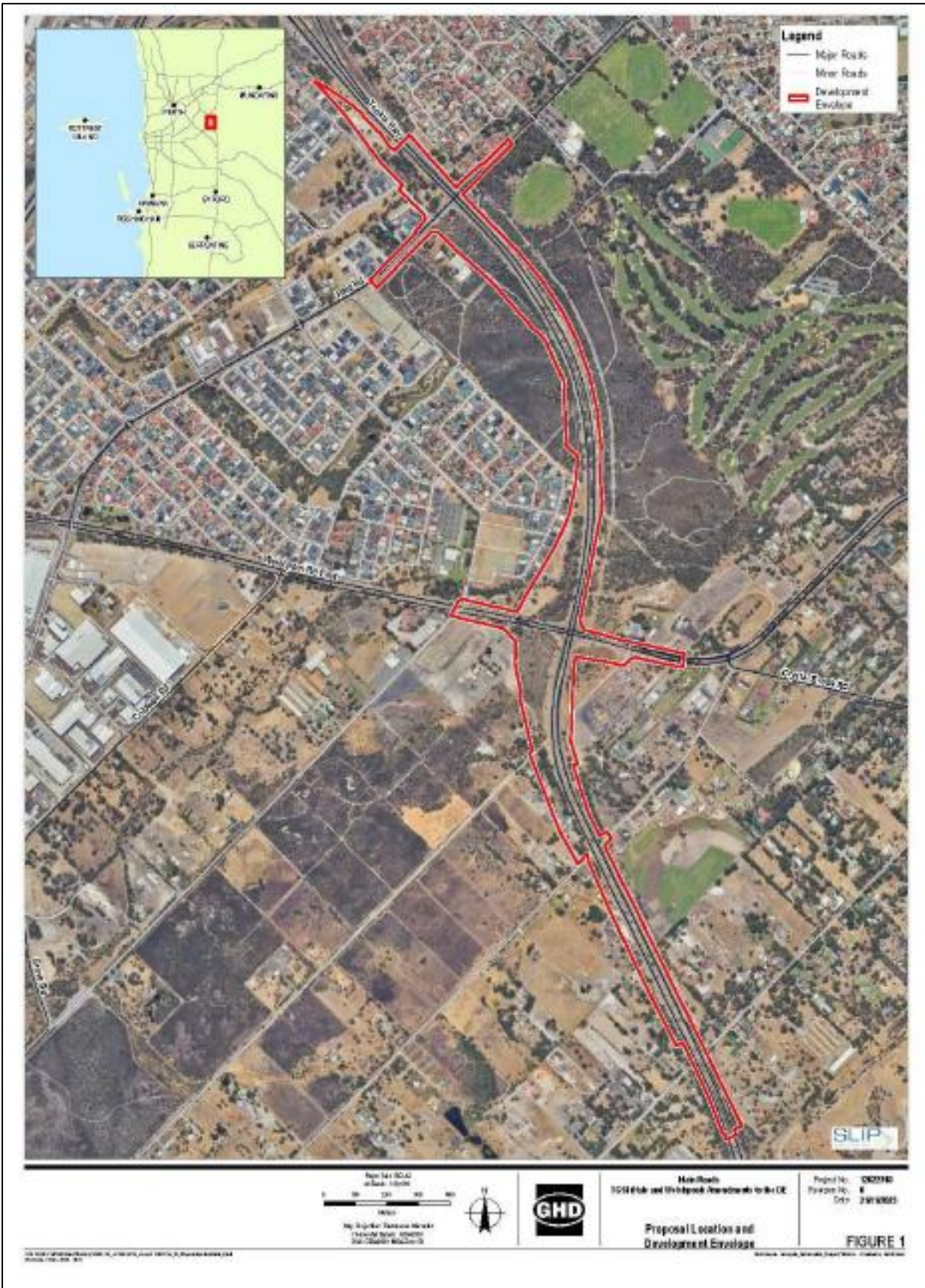
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## 2. Figure showing location and extent of changes

