

## Communications and Stakeholder Strategy

### Point Boulevard and Bellarine Highway intersection, Point Lonsdale

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#### Objectives / information about the project

This strategy aims to alert and update residents and stakeholders about upgrades worth \$2 million at the intersection of Bellarine Highway and Point Boulevard, Point Lonsdale.

The project will ensure safe access for road users and pedestrians accessing and egressing from The Point residential development Point Lonsdale

Works include:

- Construction of a Roundabout at the intersection of Point Boulevard & Bellarine Highway;
- A new traffic island, line marking and signage on Bellarine Highway;
- New footpaths and street lighting at the intersection
- Construction of two new bus stops on the Bellarine Highway for Queenscliff and Geelong bound travellers, with installation of a new bus shelter and dedicated bus bay; and
- Extensive landscaping with native trees, shrubs and grasses.

Works are expected to start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September and be completed by late June 2017.

Winslow Constructors will perform the works which comprises removal of vegetation, relocation of existing services (i.e. Telstra, gas, electrical and water), construction of culverts, roundabout construction, drainage works, public lighting and landscaping works.

The works are being constructed under City of Greater Geelong Planning Permit Nos. 673/2007 and 1504/2015.

#### Issues/Risks associated with the project

- Some existing trees and shrubs along the Bellarine Highway will need to be removed for this project. This has been assessed by DELWP and Council under Nett Gain legislation and a vegetation Offset Management Plan has now been prepared.
- Minimal delays are expected during the works, however there will be short term periods of time where one-way traffic flow is required for activities such as barrier installation and asphaltting works to be undertaken safely. However, for the majority of the works two-way traffic flow will be maintained under speed reductions (40km/hr during working hours and 60km/hr outside of working hours). No traffic delays of greater than 5 minutes or queues of greater than 200m will occur during construction works.
- During all times minimum lane widths will be maintained as per VicRoads requirements so all vehicles, including holiday vehicles towing caravans, will be able to utilize these roads safely and readily.
- During the Christmas/New Year period, works onsite will cease from 23/12/2016 and recommence on 09/01/2017.

- A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) has been approved by Council and will be actioned at all times during the project. Environmental risks have been identified and risk management strategies have been implemented to reduce/eliminate risks. Regular testing, monitoring and auditing of the CEMP will be undertaken during the period of works.

### Strategic key messages

- The project will ensure safe access and egress for all residents on The Point Estate.
- The works will include two new bus stops for the convenience of future residents of The Point and extensive revegetation will occur to offset minimal vegetation losses required to comply with construction and road safety requirements.
- The roundabout will facilitate access to the Bellarine Highway for these lots and the future connection of Point Boulevard. Point Boulevard will ultimately connect to Shell Road and while providing access to and within The Point, it will also provide capacity relief to the Fellows Road/Bellarine Highway intersection.
- The completion of the roundabout will provide a strong sense of arrival to Point Lonsdale with an attractive landscape and glimpses of the waterway which complement the natural setting and character of Point Lonsdale.
- For the safety of workers and the travelling public traffic management controls and speed limits will be in place for the duration of the works.
- Visual display boards will be in place to communicate any disruption or changes in traffic management requirements. Two way traffic will continue for the majority of the construction period however there will be times when one way traffic movements are required.

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