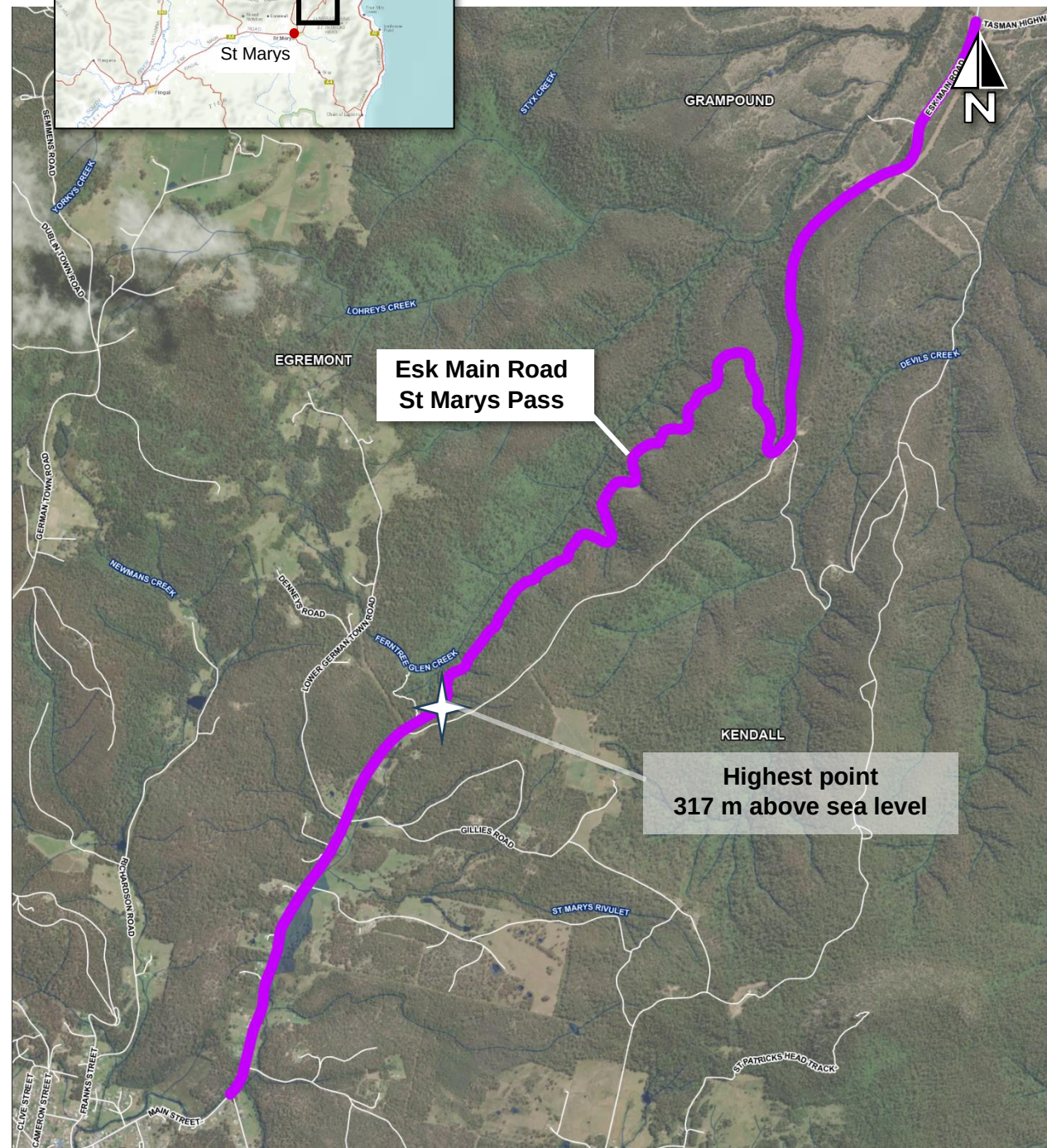


Esk Main Road at St Marys Pass

Purple Route – Maintain existing route plus 10-year upgrade



Benefits

- Makes the current road less vulnerable to damage from severe weather.
- Roadworks can be phased over 10 years to minimise disruption to travel.
- Residents are familiar with the route.
- Uses an existing road, so lower environmental impact than most other options.

Challenges

- Upgrade works will impact travel time during works.
- It is challenging terrain so upgrades to the current road may be limited.
- Significant works needed to reduce landslide risk.
- Widening of the road will have some environmental impact.

What the 10-Year Upgrade could include

(Subject to investigations, design, planning and approvals)

- Improved resilience of the road, through:
 - additional or strengthened retaining walls
 - improved drainage.
- During upgrade works, some additional safety measures may be included, such as:
 - widening narrow sections of road and/or shoulders or to ease tight curves
 - removing vegetation for improved sight distance
 - improving road signage, pavement markings and reflectors
 - sections of roadside safety barriers to prevent cars coming off the road.