

Frequently Asked Questions – South Arm Highway Upgrade – Pass Road to Oakdowns

Why are there multiple sets of traffic lights?

The design includes traffic lights at key intersections to improve safety, and the efficient flow of traffic.

Will the increase in traffic lights along this road impact travel time?

The new traffic lights are being installed to improve traffic flow, not slow it down. While some drivers may stop more frequently, the signals will help manage congestion at peak times, reduce delays at side roads, and create a more predictable and reliable journey.

Our traffic modelling shows that the expected residential and commercial growth in the area over the next 5 years will significantly impact travel times and delays if we do not install the traffic lights and widen the road. This would also continue to increase over time.

Why has this section of the highway been prioritised?

This project was chosen based on findings from the Rokeby Stage 3 Corridor Planning Study, which showed higher traffic volumes between Pass Road and Oakdowns compared to the section between Oakdowns and Acton Road.

We expect that prioritising these upgrades will best address the project objectives of improving safety and travel time reliability.

Will upgrading the South Arm Highway between Pass Road, Rokeby and Oakdowns impact my property?

We have shared the design and consulted with all impacted property owners before engaging with the wider community. Please contact the project team if you have any questions about your property.

Why hasn't the gravel path been extended to connect Oakdowns and Lauderdale?

Extending the gravel path is outside the scope of this project. Clarence City Council has been exploring options to install a gravel track between Oakdowns Parade and Lauderdale before any future highway upgrades, and we will continue engaging with them on this. Any updates will be provided on the Transport website.

Why has the South Arm Highway Upgrade been delayed?

During our investigations and planning for this project, we identified potential Swift Parrot foraging habitat near the Acton Road intersection, and several significant trees along the proposed route. We have been working closely with the Australian Government to confirm the final road designs, minimise our environmental impacts and gain approvals. This planning and approval process takes time.

When will the other sections of the South Arm Highway Upgrade be built?

The work will be constructed in stages, with indicative timing below.

- South Arm Road/Acton Road Intersection Upgrade: construction from early 2026.
- Pass Road to Oakdowns: design will be completed by late 2026 and construction will start in 2027.
- Oakdowns to Acton Road: At this stage there are no confirmed timelines for the section. We will keep you updated as further details become available and we will give all stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback when we have plans to share.

Is there a park and ride site being planned for Rokeby?

We are investigating a possible site at the corner of South Arm Highway and Tollard Drive, Rokeby.

For information on the progress of this project please visit the website: https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/park-and-ride

Will the project also upgrade the Mornington Roundabout?

The Mornington Roundabout upgrades are being delivered under a separate project by a different team. While both projects are in the same general area, they are not connected in scope, funding, or delivery.

For information on the progress of this project please visit the website: https://www.transport.tas.gov.au/roadworks/current_projects/south_road_projects/mornington-area-road-improvement-program

How will the work affect me?

During construction, there will be changed traffic conditions in place, which may include a reduced speed limit, single lane closures, nightworks and stop and go traffic management. Any construction-related impacts will be communicated to the community as we get closer to construction.

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