

## Media Release

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## Success for final stage of Hammond Road duplication as funds granted for 2023 completion

The final piece in the Success road puzzle is starting to fall into place following a \$9M State Government grant.

The Metropolitan Regional Road Group funding allocation for 2020-21 will enable the City of Cockburn to begin the final stage of duplication of Hammond Road in a \$15M project that includes \$6M from City funds.

Relocation of underground water, telecommunications, gas and electricity infrastructure has already begun, which will enable the duplication of Hammond Road between Branch Circus and Bartram Road.

The project will also include roundabouts at the Bartram Road, Carmel Way/Darlot Avenue and Hird Road intersections, with completion due by the end of 2023.

City of Cockburn Engineering & Works Director Charles Sullivan said it was an important milestone for the Success community and the City.

"The City began work to modernise Hammond Road in 2008 with the connection to Russell Road so the City is very pleased to begin the final section of dual carriageway," Mr Sullivan said.

"The City's *Regional and Major Roadworks Plan* identified \$25M would be needed in improvements to Hammond Road (Russell Road to Beeliar Drive) from 2008 to 2023.

"The project means local motorists will be able to travel more safely and with less congestion along two lanes of Hammond Road in either direction between Beeliar Drive and Russell Road."

Other stage two works will include:

- Shared paths on both sides of Hammond Road (Branch Circus to Bartram Road)
- On-road bicycle lanes

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- Raised central median islands
- Street lighting
- Landscaping
- Drainage improvements

In line with the Council-endorsed Natural Area Management Strategy, which promotes the establishment of wildlife crossings, the project will also fund a possum bridge.

A rope bridge similar to the structure on Beeliar Drive, will traverse Hammond Road, linking the lake area at Jubilee Park with wetlands and Kogolup Lake in Beeliar Regional Park to the west.

City of Cockburn Environment Manager Chris Beaton said wildlife crossings, like possum bridges and fauna underpass tunnels, provided important connections and reconnections for local fauna travelling between fragmented habitats.

"The possum bridge is also a Department of Water and Environmental Regulationsupported mitigation measure for the loss of native vegetation during projects such as these."

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