

Working with the Community

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www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/geelongbypass



Geelong Bypass staff, happy to help with your enquiries.

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Register Your Interest

To provide comment or to register your interest for periodic updates and bulletins please contact VicRoads as detailed below:

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Geelong Bypass Project Planning and Consultation

No. 2

May, 2004

Planning and route investigations are now underway for the Geelong Bypass. Construction of a 22 km long freeway-standard road along the existing reservation between Corio and Waurm Ponds is estimated to cost \$380 million (2001 values).

The State Government has committed \$190 million in future funding to build the western bypass of Geelong from Corio to the Princes Highway at Waurm Ponds. Shared funding for the project is being sought from the Federal Government as a Road of National Importance.

Activities now underway include confirming land requirements, traffic modelling, identifying local access needs, concept designs, geotechnical surveys and preparation for planning and environmental approvals.

Route investigations are also underway to identify options south of the Hamilton Highway to allow for a possible future Surf Coast Highway connection. Better regional road links from the southern end of the Bypass to the Surf Coast Highway, and to service Geelong's long-term development needs could be achieved by either using the existing reservation and upgrading the arterial road network; via a new route outside of the existing reservation; or by a combination of new and upgraded roads.

To enable identification of route options for the Bypass south from the Hamilton Highway through to the Surf Coast Highway at Grovedale/Mt Duneed, VicRoads has identified broad zones of interest for preliminary investigation. There is no current Government funding commitment for works south of the Princes Highway at Waurm Ponds.

What standard of the road is planned?

The current \$380 million project estimate is based on a freeway-standard road with two lanes in each direction from Corio to Waurm Ponds and traffic interchanges at major arterial

roads. Local traffic impacts and access needs from the regional road network are being identified as part of the investigations and community consultation now underway.

Project start and completion dates, and the need for any staging options based upon future funding levels, have not yet been confirmed.

The State Government has indicated that tolls will not apply on the Geelong Bypass.

What opportunities will there be for community input on the Bypass route and features?

Individuals and organisations can comment on the project during both the development and approval phases.

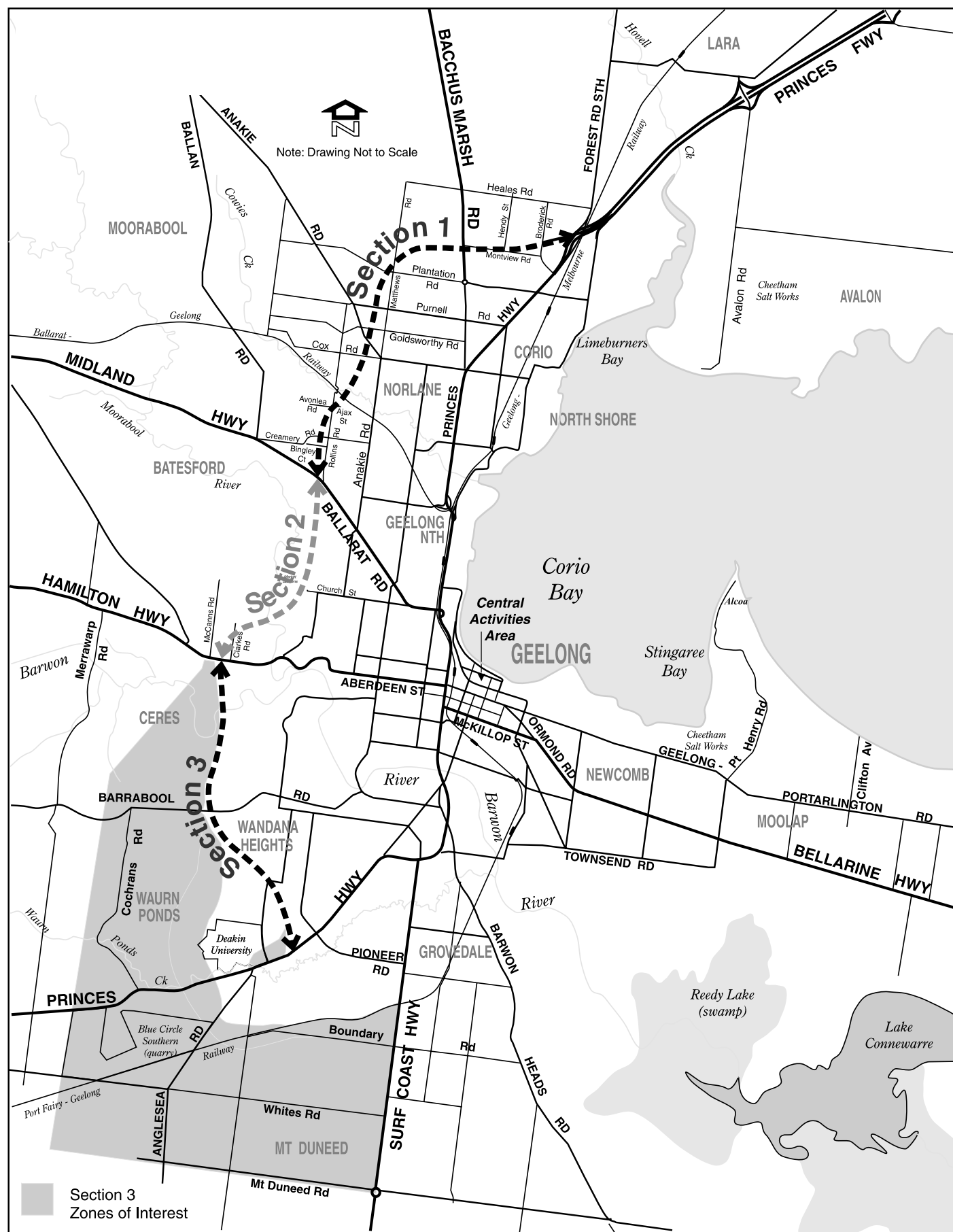
During the development phase comments can be provided direct to VicRoads or through the Community Reference Groups (CRGs) now established for the three project sections. Each CRG is independently chaired and includes councillors from the City of Greater Geelong and adjacent municipalities, community participants living in the vicinity of the route, local business participants and representatives of community organisations.

CRG members play an important role in networking with their local community and meet with VicRoads periodically to provide feedback on local issues and needs. Their advice on local issues will assist in developing Bypass proposals with consideration of local community expectations as well as meeting the broader statewide and national objectives.

Public submissions will also be invited when the Project Environment Protection Strategies (PEPS) are exhibited for Sections 1 and 2, and for the Section 3 Environment Effects Statement (EES).

Geelong Bypass - Princes Freeway Corio to Princes Highway Waurn Ponds

Geelong Bypass - Project Sections



How are the Project sections identified?

To assist in planning for the Bypass, three Project sections have been identified as detailed below:

Section 1

Princes Freeway, Corio to Midland Highway, Bell Post Hill

Prior to the commencement of works a Project Environmental Protection Strategy (PEPS) will be developed and exhibited for public comment in mid 2004.

This will include investigation of potential impacts from the Bypass on flora, fauna and cultural heritage, as well as dust, noise and social impacts. Actions to manage these impacts will be detailed in the PEPS. The Minister for Planning will review information and issues outlined in the PEPS along with any public and stakeholder comment prior to approval of project proposals.

Section 2

Midland Highway, Hamlyn Heights to Hamilton Highway, Fyansford

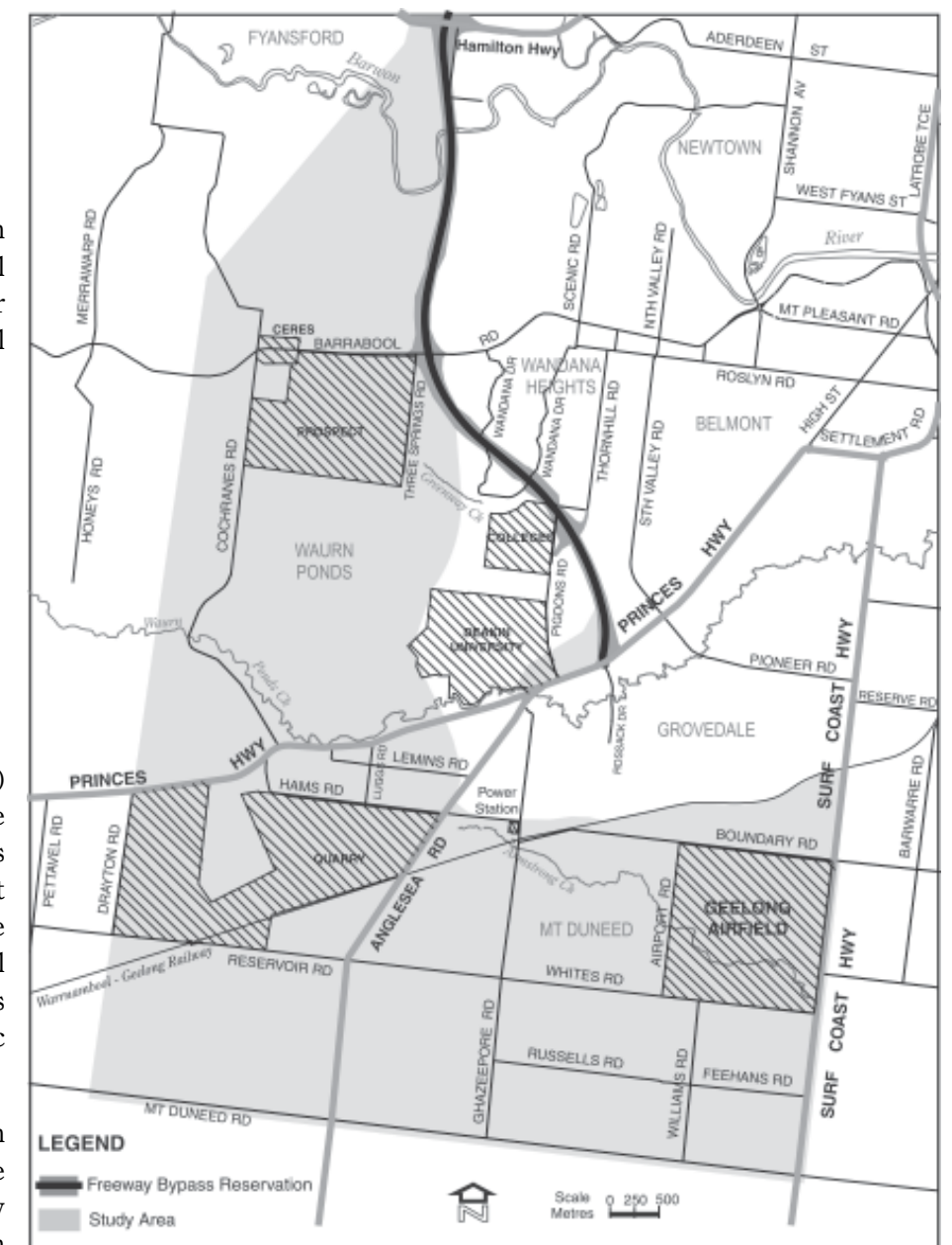
A Project Environmental Protection Strategy (PEPS) is also required. It will be placed on public exhibition and for comment in late 2004 prior to final approval of project proposals.

Section 3

Hamilton Highway, Fyansford to Princes Highway, Waurn Ponds & Surf Coast Highway, Grovedale/Mt Duneed

An Environment Effects Statement (EES) will be prepared detailing options for the Bypass and for any possible connections beyond the Princes Highway to Surf Coast Highway. The EES will outline the potential effects of route options and will assess each option against the project's environmental, social and economic objectives.

Following public exhibition of the EES in early 2005, an Independent Panel will be appointed to review the proposals and any public submissions. The Panel will then recommend its preferred route to the Minister for Planning for approval.



Section 3 Investigation Areas - May 2004