



Next Steps

Specialist consultants will commence detailed investigations of the route options in November 2004. These investigations will allow the options to be improved in consideration of the consultants findings and community feedback from the public display.

On finalisation of the alignment options and completion of the specialist consultant investigations, an Environment Effects Statement (EES) will be prepared for public exhibition, anticipated to occur in mid 2005. All options proposed in the EES will be measured against a set of environmental, social and economic objectives that have been developed in consultation with stakeholders.

Following a public exhibition period, the Minister for Planning may appoint an Independent Panel to review the options and to hear public submissions. The Panel may then recommend a preferred route to the Minister for Planning, for consideration and decision by Government.

Counselling Service

VicRoads has engaged a counselling service to assist community members who are feeling concerned by this current planning process. Free and confidential consultations are available by contacting the Wesley Centre for Life Enrichment on telephone 5222 4101.

Register Your Interest

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

Email: geelongbypass@roads.vic.gov.au

Post: The Project Manager
VicRoads Geelong Bypass
444 Princes Highway, CORIO 3214

Phone: 5274 6800

Current information can also be accessed from VicRoads web site:

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/geelongbypass

Interpreter Service

If you do not understand English, please telephone the interpreter service on Ph: 13 14 50 for translation in your language.

Se non capisci l'inglese telefona al Servizio Interpreti, 13 14 50, per la traduzione in italiano.

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Geelong Bypass Project

Princes Freeway - Corio to Waurin Ponds

No. 5

November, 2004

Construction of the Geelong Bypass is expected to commence in mid-2005. Planning and construction will be undertaken in three sections:

- Section 1 - Princes Freeway, Corio to Midland Highway, Bell Post Hill;
- Section 2 - Midland Highway, Hamlyn Heights to Hamilton Highway, Fyansford; and
- Section 3 - Hamilton Highway, Fyansford to Princes Highway, Waurin Ponds.

Each section will take approximately two years to construct and it is anticipated that the Bypass will be completed in 2009.

The Victorian Government has committed \$190 million to the bypass and the Australian Government recently announced \$186 million in future funding as part of the AusLink Land Transport Program.

Sections 1 and 2 will be built within the existing freeway reservation, which extends for approximately 15km from Princes Freeway, Corio to Hamilton Highway, Fyansford.

Preliminary route alignment options have been prepared for Section 3. Each of the suggested alignments can combine with the existing road network to provide a link to the Surf Coast Highway.

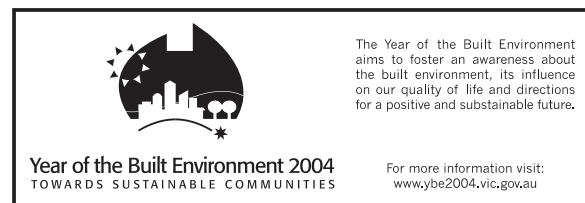
Section 3 Preliminary Route Options

In addition to the existing reservation, three preliminary route alignment options have been prepared for Section 3 of the Geelong Bypass. All options would be located within the existing freeway reservation between the Hamilton Highway at Fyansford and Barrabool Road, Highton. South of Barrabool Road, Option 1 would intersect the Princes Highway at Anglesea Road. Option 2 would intersect the Princes Highway just west of Deakin University and Option 3 would intersect the highway west of Cochranes Road.

All options include interchanges at Hamilton Highway and Barrabool Road. These interchanges would allow traffic to enter and exit the Bypass in both north and south directions.

For the existing reservation and Option 1, Wandana Drive would be closed at its northern crossing of the Bypass while the southern crossing would remain open. Pigdons Road and Thornhill Road would be realigned. An interchange would be constructed at Pigdons Road to provide access to the bypass for motorists wishing to head north along the bypass, or exit the bypass heading south. Other characteristics of each option are described overleaf.

Each of the route options shown in this bulletin are indicative only. More detailed plans are available for inspection at the Geelong Bypass Project Office.

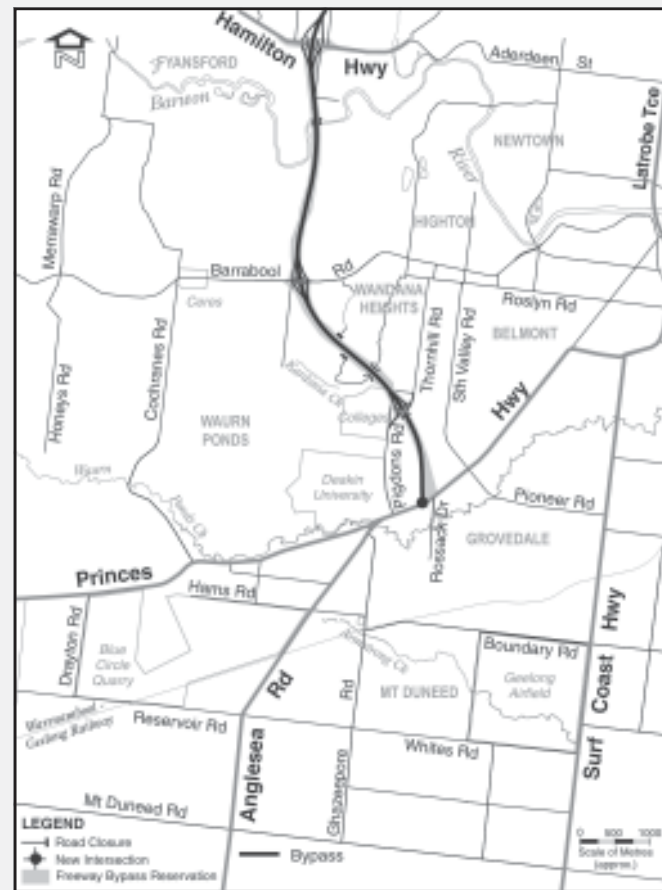


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Geelong Bypass - Princes Freeway Corio to Princes Highway Waurm Ponds

Existing Reservation

A bypass within the existing reservation (ER) would end at a new set of traffic lights at the Princes Highway. Rossack Drive would be realigned between the Princes Highway and Waurm Ponds Creek to reduce the likelihood that through traffic would attempt to enter the residential area south of the Princes Highway.

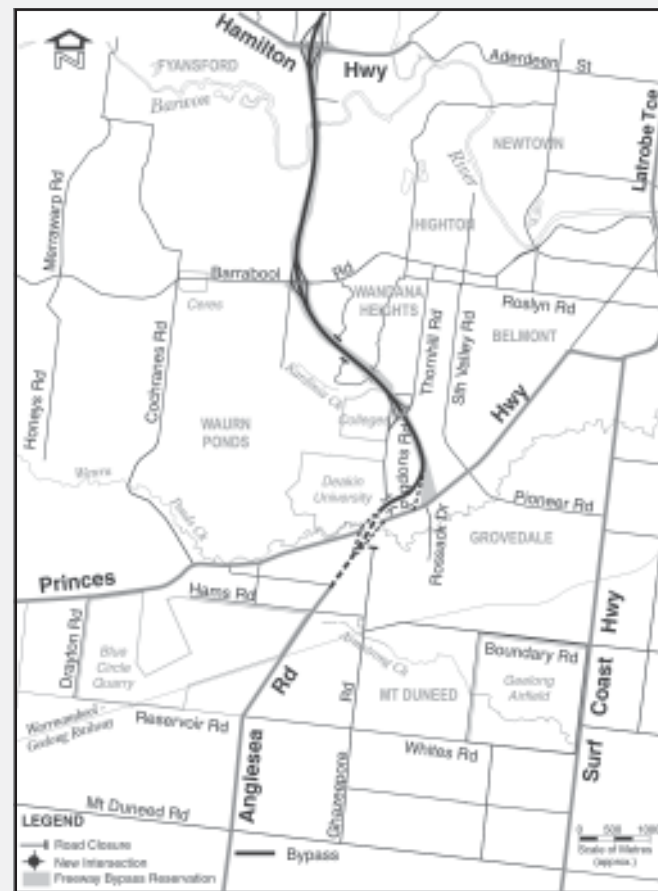


Option 1

Option 1 would be contained largely within the existing reservation but would bend to the west and pass over Pigdons Road to join the Princes Highway at Anglesea Road. Access from Princes Highway to the educational facilities in Pigdons Road would be maintained.

Two treatments are being considered for the Princes Highway end of the bypass. The first (Option 1a), is an intersection with Princes Highway and Anglesea Road.

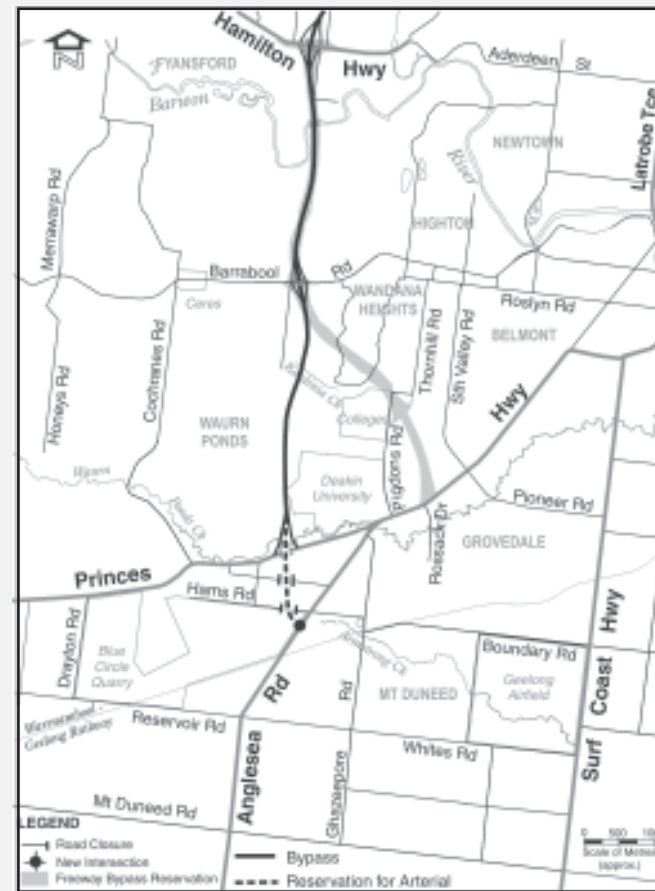
The second treatment being considered (Option 1b), is a bridge over Princes Highway linking the bypass to Anglesea Road with access to and from Princes Highway. This treatment would close Ghazepore Road at Anglesea Road and may require modification of Lemins Road at Anglesea Road.



Option 2

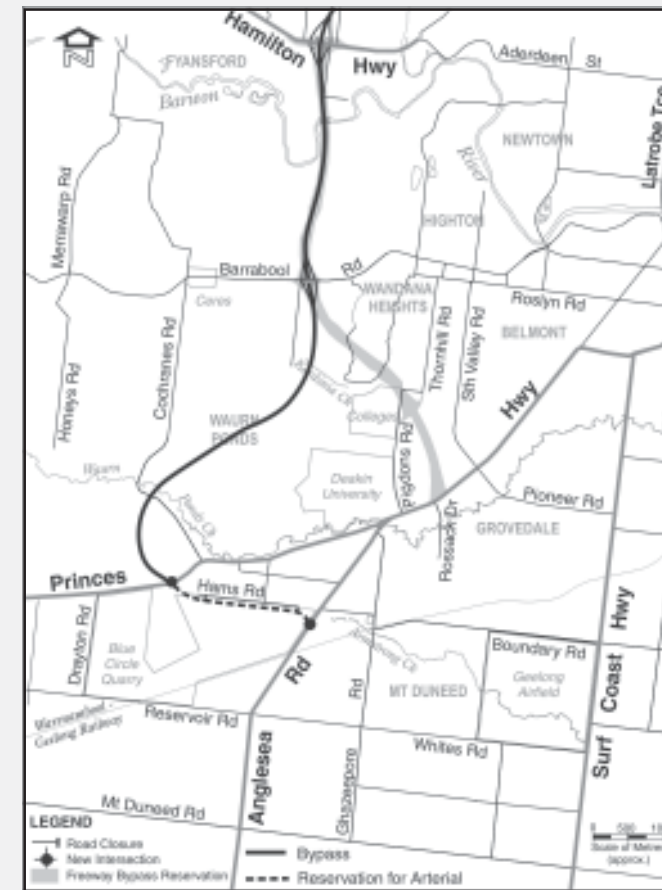
Option 2 would pass immediately to the west of Deakin University and would end at a new intersection on the Princes Highway. Option 2 would also include the reservation of land to enable the future construction of a new arterial road to connect the bypass to Anglesea Road. This potential future project would involve a bridge across the Princes Highway and a new intersection at Anglesea Road. The construction of the arterial road would result in the closure of both Lemins and Hams Roads.

The location of the bypass intersection with the Princes Highway has been selected so that a future arterial road link to Anglesea Road could be built with minimal impact on houses in Waurm Ponds.



Option 3

Option 3 would pass over Cochranes Road on a bridge and end at a new intersection on the Princes Highway. Option 3 would also include the reservation of land to enable the potential future building of an arterial road to connect the bypass to Anglesea Road. The arterial road link to Anglesea Road would be located alongside Hams Road, with Hams Road becoming a service road. The arterial road would end at a new intersection on Anglesea Road.



Section 3 - Community Reference Group Members

Cr Shane Dowling	City of Greater Geelong	5224 2652	Mr Michael Williams	Waurm Ponds	0408 996 711
Cr David Saunderson	City of Greater Geelong	0409 809 860	Ms Judith Cohn	Ceres/Waurm Ponds	5241 8003
Cr Simon Townsend	Surf Coast Shire	0417 127 219	Dr Michael Stokie	Deakin University	5227 8554
Mr John Duncan	Mount Duneed/Grovedale	5241 8619	Mr Keith Shrimpton	Business nominee	0419 561 506
Mr Philip Taylor	Wandana Heights	5243 9012	Mr Ken McNamara	Independent Chair	0419 750 987
Mr David Sinclair	Waurm Ponds	0418 575 887			

Public Display of Options

The options presented in this Bulletin will be on public display during business hours (8.30am to 5.00pm) at:

- **VicRoads Geelong Bypass Project Office:**
444 Princes Highway, Corio (beside Harvey Norman)
- **From Monday 8 November 2004 to Friday 19 November 2004,**
plus Saturday 6 November from 9am - 3pm.

In addition, the options will be on public display at Belmont Library, 163 High Street Belmont on Saturday 6 November from 9am - 3pm only.

Members of the public are invited to comment to enable VicRoads to improve these options.