

**13.3 Dunns Creek Road Alignment Investigation and Review July 2015  
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**Report**

This information report should be considered in the context of the Googong and Tralee Traffic Plan 2031 (the Plan) which was adopted by Council on 26 August 2009 and the subsequent 2014 review of this Plan.

On the 26 August 2009, Council adopted option 05B from the Plan which demonstrated that Dunns Creek Road was not required to address the traffic issues expected from future development in Queanbeyan.

At the July 2013 meeting of Council, it was resolved by Council:

*That the RMS grant for Dunns Creek Road be reduced to \$300,000 and that the following work be completed;*

- a) Prepare a concept design with centreline and typical cross sections for a route that best satisfies current road design requirements,*
- b) Undertake a preliminary assessment of the environmental impacts of this route and estimate potential environmental offset requirements,*
- c) Undertake a preliminary assessment of potential and acquisition requirements of the proposed route, and*
- d) Review the current cost estimates.*

The attached report provides the above information for the proposed Dunns Creek Road.

The 2014 review of the Plan confirmed that Dunns Creek Road would not be required until at least 2041 assuming current development demand and supply continues. This also assumes that Council rezones land in excess of the land presently proposed to be rezoned by 2031.

Work on Dunns Creek Road as part of the \$4 million grant fund began in early 2015. The current work has found that the proposed Dunns Creek Road project will:

- a) Be in excess of \$200 million to construct,
- b) Have a bridge in excess of 500m long,
- c) Reduce the connectivity of regional and local bio-links,
- d) Remove large quantities of Box-Gum Woodland and several threatened species,
- e) Have potential impacts on sites of Aboriginal heritage, and
- f) Require work in the ACT Government area.

A detailed report on the work is provided in the attachment and is provided for information only.

Based on the Study and Cost Review reports, Dunns Creek Road is not required to resolve traffic issues expected from development, and as such it has not been scheduled for inclusion in Council's long term traffic solution nor in any of Councils developer contribution plans.

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**Recommendation**

**That the report be received for information and noted.**

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**Attachments**

- Attachment 1      GHD - Dunns Creek Road Corridor Study and Alignment Planning - Preliminary Design July 2015 (*Under Separate Cover*)
- Attachment 2      Dunns Creek Road Alignment Investigation and Cost Review July 2015 - Final (*Under Separate Cover*)