



# Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation



**250 million**



**Unknown**



## Outcome

A safer, more connected and increasingly vibrant Pinjarra town centre through the delivery of the Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation. Heavy vehicle traffic redirected away from the town centre, improving road safety, reducing congestion and supporting growth.

## A daily safety risk

The safety of children and families must be a priority. Around 1,000 children attend St Joseph's Primary School and Pinjarra Senior High School, both located metres from South Western Highway and Pinjarra Town Centre. Every school day, students, parents and carers navigate crossings and footpaths alongside heavy haulage vehicles, creating an ongoing and unacceptable road safety risk.



### Overview

The Pinjarra Heavy Haulage Deviation is a long-standing and critical infrastructure priority for the Shire of Murray and the wider Peel region.

Approximately 800 heavy vehicles travel through the Pinjarra town centre each day via South Western Highway, with freight movements continuing to increase as industry and regional growth expands. The volume of heavy haulage traffic impacts road safety, traffic flow, pedestrian amenity and the overall function of the town centre.

With ongoing changes to the broader transport network, including the Tonkin Highway extension, there is uncertainty about how these changes may further increase traffic flows through Pinjarra.

The proposed deviation will provide an alternative freight route around Pinjarra, significantly reducing heavy vehicle movements through the town centre while improving the efficiency of regional freight and supply chain networks. The need for the project has been consistently reinforced by the community. During Shire of Murray consultation undertaken in 2017, 84.6 per cent of respondents agreed a heavy haulage deviation was needed. This community support was reaffirmed during further engagement undertaken by the Shire in 2022, with the project continuing to be a major community priority.

Beyond improving safety and reducing congestion, the project will enhance the amenity and liveability of the Pinjarra town centre by creating a safer and more accessible environment for residents, businesses and visitors. The deviation will also support future economic development and integrated regional growth throughout Peel and the South West region.

The project was originally supported through a combined State and Federal Government commitment of \$250 million, including \$200 million from the Australian Government and \$50 million from the Western Australian Government.

Following the withdrawal of Federal Government funding in 2023, the WA State Government reaffirmed its commitment to the project and allocated a further \$42 million in the 2024/25 State Budget to continue planning and development activities.

However, current State Budget forward estimates do not appear to include significant construction funding beyond planning and design works. This indicates delivery of the deviation may not occur until after 2030 without renewed investment commitments.

### Project benefits

- ✓ Improves safety, reduces congestion and improves traffic flow
- ✓ Enhances the amenity and liveability of Pinjarra
- ✓ Supports local business, tourism and town centre activation
- ✓ Improves freight efficiency and regional connectivity
- ✓ Responds to a long-standing community priority
- ✓ Supports future regional growth and infrastructure planning.

