

## Frequently asked questions

### Why is the road intersection being upgraded?

The intersection of Wellard Road and Henley Boulevard is being upgraded to a roundabout to improve safety and reduce the high number of traffic accidents that have occurred and are likely to continue if no remedial action is taken.

Crash data shows that multiple accidents have taken place at this intersection over the past five years, including three incidents requiring medical attention and 14 resulting in property damage.

This section of Wellard Road and Henley Boulevard is a vital corridor for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians accessing local businesses, schools, and residential areas.

Converting the intersection to a roundabout will not only help manage heavy traffic flow more efficiently, but most importantly, it will significantly reduce the risk of serious crashes. This upgrade is about making the area safer for everyone—drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians alike.

### Why are trees being removed for this project?

A total of **11 trees** need to be removed to construct the new roundabout at Wellard Road and Henley Boulevard. The road must meet safety and engineering requirements for a Category road capable of accommodating semi-trailer access. The design has been refined to **limit clearing as much as possible**, making this the option with the least tree loss.

### What types of trees are being removed?

The removals include **1 tuart**, **8 native trees** (marri and jarrah), and **2 flame trees**. Of these, **3 trees are already dead**.

### Did the City obtain environmental approval?

Yes. The City has secured a **clearing permit from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)**. Clearing will only commence after **5 December**, pending no appeals.

### Are any of these trees used by black cockatoos?

There are **no nesting hollows** in the trees being removed. Some trees provide foraging value, which will be fully replaced and expanded through the offset planting program.

### How is the clearing being offset?

The City will rehabilitate a **7,000sqm portion of Henley Reserve**, which is currently degraded and has high weed density. This area will be restored into high-quality habitat, improving conditions for native species and black cockatoos.

### What species will be replanted?

A total of **4,140 native plants** will be installed over four years, including:

- 200 candlestick banksia
- 220 bull banksia
- 200 firewood banksia
- 260 Banksia ceciliae
- 130 marri
- 250 tuart

### Why is the offset located away from the road?

By planting black cockatoo foraging species away from major roads, the City reduces the risk of future bird strikes. This approach supports safe feeding habitats long-term.

### **What is the long-term goal of the revegetation?**

The project will:

- Improve the condition of Henley Reserve over the next **four years**
- Support the recovery of **Tuart Woodland**, a federally protected ecological community
- Expand food sources for **black cockatoos**
- Permanently reclassify the offset area from **recreation to conservation**, protecting it into the future