

FACT SHEET

Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment



ABOUT THE REPORT

Consultant: ERM Environmental

Aim: Determine potential impacts of construction and operational vehicle emissions from the Activity on any nearby sensitive receptors.

CONSTRUCTION

The works are likely to result in short term visual impacts during the construction phase due to the use of construction equipment, stockpiling and storage of materials and establishment of ancillary sites. These impacts would be most visible from the Illawarra Highway, Tripoli Way, and Terry Street. The construction area would also be visible from the Calderwood and Tullimbar residential subdivision which is located to the west and north-west of the Activity Area.

OPERATION

Once operational, the Activity would result in localised changes to visual amenity in almost all areas of the alignment. Due to much of the existing western extent being rural landscape, the development of a road will have a visual impact on residents bordering the Illawarra Highway at Tullimbar and the current and future residents at Calderwood Valley subdivision. The existing residents in the middle portion of the alignment will be visually impacted by a four-lane road running parallel to their front and rear boundaries.

Landscape and visual impacts to the eastern extents of the Study Area will be seen from the existing Illawarra Highway/Terry Street intersection as well as traffic flow running north/south on the Illawarra Highway.



Looking South on Terry Street towards the intersection of Tripoli Way.
A new signalised intersection will provide access to the Town Centre and turning lanes to the Tripoli Way Extension.

Artist impression. Preliminary Images: Subject to Change

What is an Environmental Impact Statement?



The EIS identifies and assesses the environmental and social impacts associated with the proposed construction and operation of Tripoli Way, as well as proposing measures to minimise and manage them. The EIS was prepared by SLR Consulting who engaged specialist consultants.

Planning approvals and EIS



The EIS was prepared in accordance with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs). The SEARs identifies matters that must be addressed in the EIS and therefore guides its development. A series of technical studies and reports to assess potential impacts are completed as part of the EIS.

Can I provide feedback?



Submissions are invited during the public exhibition stage of the Tripoli Way Extension. All submissions will be submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing, and Infrastructure (DPHI). To find out more visit the Tripoli Way Extension Project page on Let's Chat.

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POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES THAT WILL BE APPLIED

Impact

Some short-term visual impacts would result from the works due to disturbed areas, site fencing, machinery and equipment working on the Illawarra Highway, Tripoli Way, and Terry Street

Longer term impacts on visual amenity

Environmental Safeguard

- Work areas near residential dwellings must be fenced and include the use of visual screening (shade cloth or similar).
- Lights utilised for night works will be directed away from residential dwellings and roadways to minimise light impacts on surrounding residential areas.
- The site must be kept neat and clean of general litter for the duration of works.
- The vegetation management plan contained in Appendix G shall be implemented.
- A detailed landscaping plan shall be prepared in conjunction with detailed design of the construction works.

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The impact on Landscape Character is contained in **Section 6.7 of the EIS**.