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What is the Tripoli Way Extension project and why is it needed?

The Tripoli Way Extension (TWE) will establish an uninterrupted travel route in Albion Park, connecting Terry Street in the east to Broughton Avenue in the west, effectively bypassing the town centre. It will involve the extension, widening, and improvement of both Tripoli Way and The Expressway in Albion Park.

The primary objective of this project is to alleviate congestion, improve traffic flow within the town centre and increase road safety. It is needed to effectively manage rapid population growth, particularly in the west of the city and will provide a valuable addition to the broader transport network.

To find out more about this project visit: <https://letschatshellharbour.com/tripoli-way-extension-project>

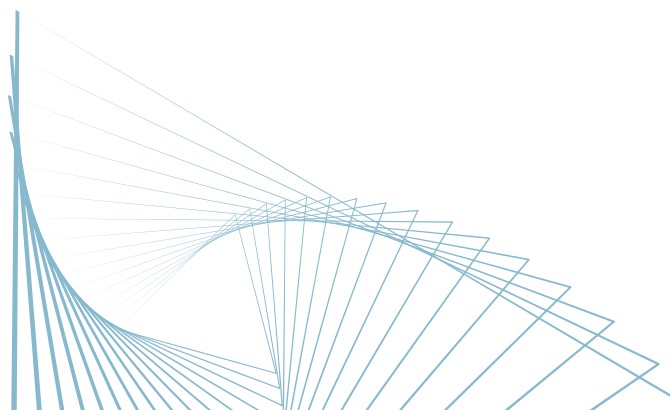
The Environmental Regulatory Process

The Tripoli Way Extension is a significant local project and must go through a comprehensive environmental assessment process. Projects of this size and complexity can have major economic, environmental, and social impacts. The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assesses the environmental and social impacts of the TWE and will go on public exhibition for the community to have their say on the project before any final decision is made.

Commonwealth and State government approval required

The NSW Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) and Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 (EP&A Regulation) form the statutory framework for environmental assessment and planning approval in NSW. As part of the planning approval process for the TWE, the project is required to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the EIS is to identify and assess the potential environmental, economic, and social impacts of the project to help government agencies, relevant authorities, community and stakeholders make an informed decision or provide an informed submission on the merits of the project.

The project is permissible without consent under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 (Transport and Infrastructure SEPP). Council is required to prepare an EIS to assess the environmental and social impacts of the project in accordance with Part 5, Section 5.7 of the EP&A Act.



The approval pathway

The EIS:

- details the specialist studies carried out to determine the potential impacts of the project including environmental, economic and social considerations
- sets out proposed management measures to avoid or minimise those impacts
- summarises engagement undertaken
- helps government agencies, relevant authorities, community and stakeholders make an informed submission on the merits of the project.

The first step in the approval pathway was the preparation of a Review of Environmental Factors (REF). The REF determined the project would lead to significant heritage impacts and would require an EIS to facilitate approval.

A Scoping Report was prepared and submitted to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in September 2022, and the DPHI subsequently issued the project's Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) in December 2022. The SEARs set out the matters that must be investigated as part of the EIS and provided the basis of the requirements, including the specialist studies that must be conducted to inform the EIS.

A total of 12 specialist studies were required to identify potential impacts from the project, and to propose measures to avoid or mitigate them. A summary of each specialist study is provided in the executive summary of the EIS document.

Tripoli Way Extension Environmental Impact Statement Planning Pathway



Public Exhibition

The EIS exhibition period provides the community an opportunity to read the EIS document, seek clarification and provide direct feedback to Council. Part 5 Section 5.7 of the EP&A Act requires that the EIS must be placed on exhibition for a minimum of 30 days. Council determines the time that the EIS must be placed on public exhibition. The collective sentiment of the submissions received guide the final determination and any approval conditions for the project.

Project determination/ approval

When the exhibition period ends, all submissions will be submitted to the DPHI. A Submissions Report with responses will be developed by Shellharbour City Council and made publicly available. Following this, a final assessment of the EIS including feedback will be undertaken by the Council and a determination made. If the EIS is endorsed, then this forms the approval for the project.

Subject to the planning approvals, construction of the Tripoli Way Extension would commence in late 2024 and be completed by 2026.

EIS specialist studies

The Tripoli Way Extension EIS is informed by specialist studies that identify potential impacts and proposed measures to avoid or mitigate those impacts. Impacts are considered at construction and operation. You can learn about each of the specialist studies within our fact sheets below, or for a more in-depth review, full specialist reports are available on Let's Chat.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage

Shellharbour City Council acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Dharawal Country and recognises their continued connection to the land. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and the contribution they make to the life of this city.

The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) assessed potential impacts on Aboriginal heritage within the study area and provided mitigation strategies to address these impacts.

A detailed assessment of the impact on Aboriginal heritage is contained in Section 6.5 of the EIS

Air quality

The Air Quality Assessment Report assessed the potential impacts of construction and operational vehicle emissions from the Activity on any nearby sensitive receptors.

Additional Information can be found in Section 6.1 of the EIS

Biodiversity - Flora and Fauna

The Flora and Fauna Assessment Report assessed potential impacts to threatened species, populations or ecological communities and provided mitigation measures to address these impacts.

Biodiversity impacts are detailed in Section 6.2 of the EIS

Contamination

The Contamination Impact Assessment Report assessed the extent and nature of any potential soil and groundwater contamination as part of the project and to demonstrate that the area is suitable (or will be after remediation) for the proposed activities.

A detailed assessment of contamination is contained in Section 6.3 of the EIS

Environmental heritage

The Environmental Heritage Assessment Report investigated the historical background of the Albion Park area and identified various heritage features of the town that could be impacted and details the range of mitigation measures that should be employed.

Environmental heritage impacts are detailed in Section 6.6 of the EIS

Flooding and hydrology

The Flooding and Hydrology Assessment Report considered relevant legislation, policies and guidelines, assessed potential impacts on hydrology and flooding and proposed mitigation and management measures that may reduce potential impacts.

Additional Information can be found in Section 6.4 of the EIS

Land and water use

The Activity will result in permanent traffic movement changes patterns with left in left out arrangements along the new roadway. Access to residents' driveways along Tripoli Way will be left in / left out with the addition of a central median. In accordance with NSW Government guidelines, disturbance works within the riparian corridor of Hazelton Creek are designed to be stabilised and rehabilitated to restore the integrity of the riparian corridor and mimic the natural hydraulic, hydrologic, geomorphic, and ecological functions of the creek.

Land and water use impacts are detailed in Section 6.8 of the EIS



Landscape character and visual impacts

The Landscape Character and Visual Impact Assessment Report assessed the visual impact the project will have on existing residents bordering the Illawarra Highway at Tullimbar and the future residents at Calderwood Valley.

Additional Information can be found in Section 6.7 of the EIS

Noise and Vibration

The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report was undertaken to determine the predicted construction and operational noise impacts associated with the project and to determine the preliminary noise attenuation measures to be adopted.

Noise and vibration impacts are detailed in Section 6.9 of the EIS

Soils and groundwater contamination

The Soil and Groundwater Assessment Report assessed the levels of Acid Sulphate Soils in the area and recommended that as a precautionary measure the soils be appropriately considered and managed during construction.

Additional Information can be found in Section 6.10 of the EIS

Traffic and transport

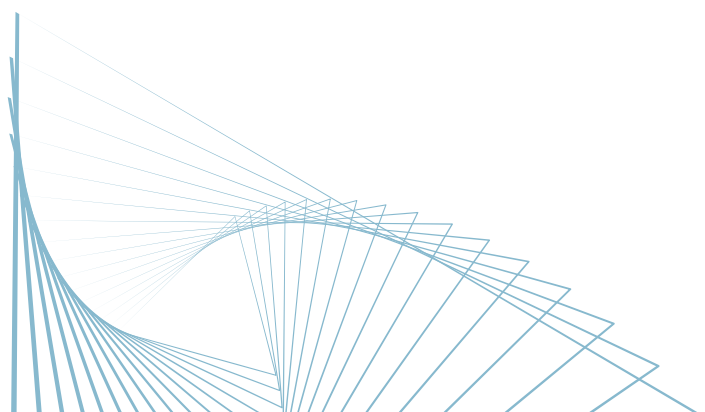
The Traffic and Transport Impact Assessment was undertaken to evaluate the potential traffic impacts during the project's construction and operation. The assessment included traffic modelling for the Project and testing the 2026 and 2041 horizon scenarios for the number of travel lanes required, to confirm the preferred intersection treatments and future network performance to ultimately inform design development for the project.

A detailed assessment of traffic and transport impacts are contained in Section 6.11 of the EIS

Waste Management

The Waste Management Assessment Report summarizes and quantifies the likely waste to be generated during construction and operation and describes measures to minimize, reuse, recycle and safely dispose of the waste.

Waste management impacts are detailed in Section 6.12 of the EIS



How to make a submission

We place important documents on public exhibition to allow members of the public to provide their feedback and have their say.

Once you review the EIS materials, you can provide feedback on the EIS by the channels outlined below. Submissions can be made individually or as a group.

You can make a submission via one of the following ways:



**Online via
the QR code**



By email to

council@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au



In writing

addressed to:

Chief Executive Officer
Dharawal Country
Locked Bag 155
Shellharbour City Centre
NSW 2529

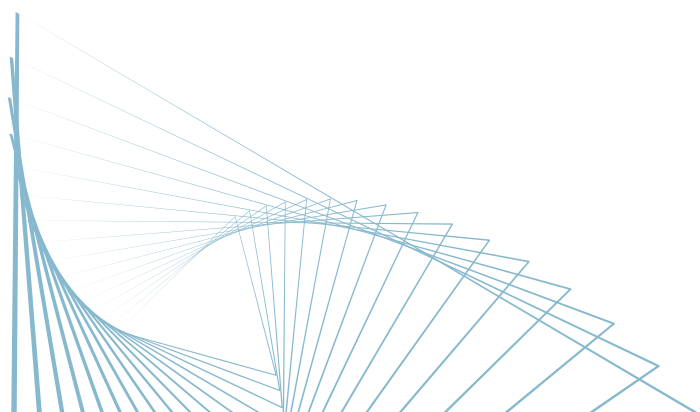
Submissions may be made from 29 May to 28 June 2024.

What happens next?

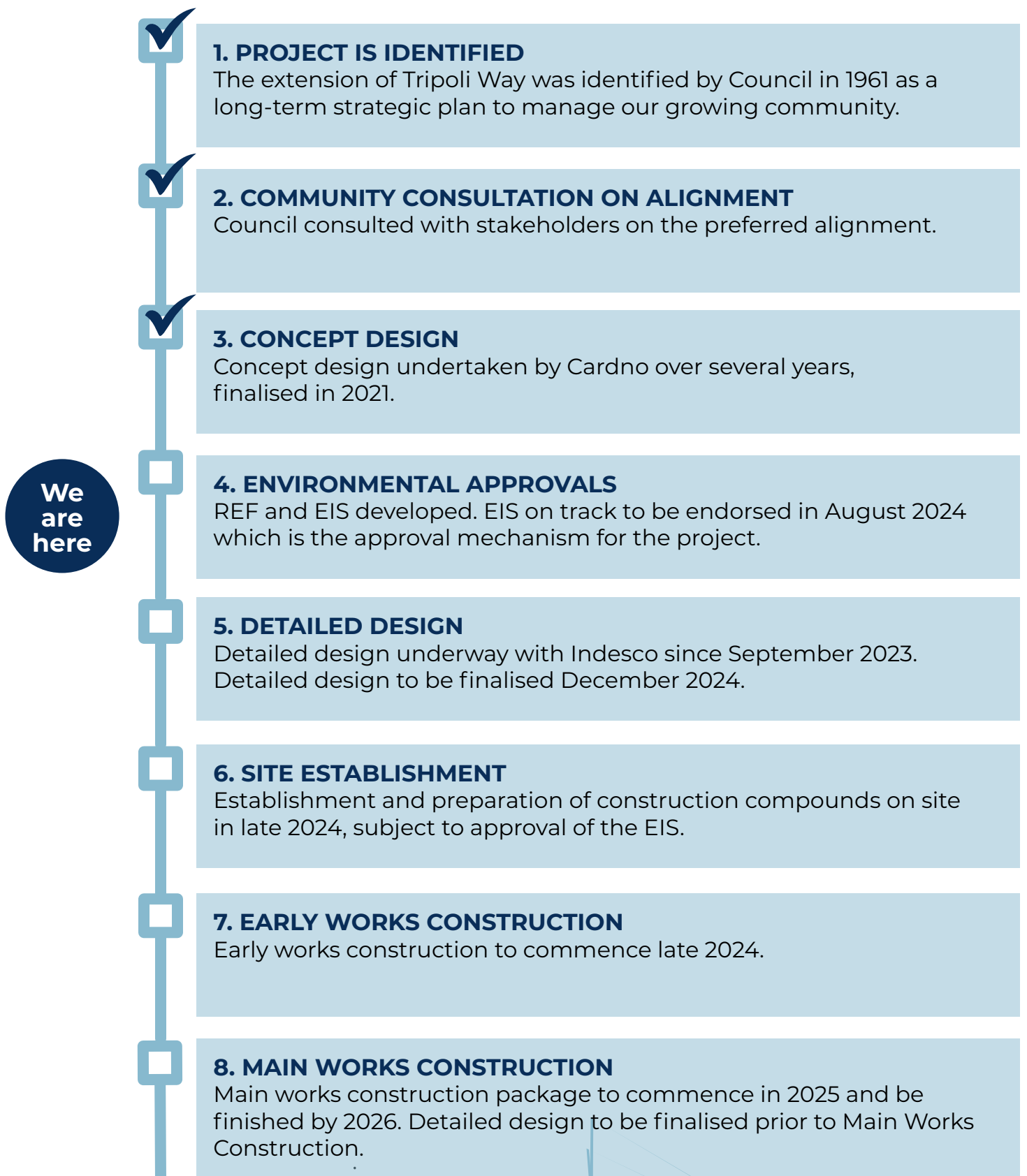
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Considerations when making a submission

Before making a submission we encourage you to read over the [Petitions and Submissions Policy and Submissions Procedure](#). By reading these documents you will familiarise yourself with the submission process and ensure that your submission is valid. Your personal information contained in your submission is collected by Council for the purpose of corresponding with you about your submission. If you make an anonymous submission, Council will be unable to contact you further. A summary of the points made in your submission will be contained in the Council meetings business paper and made public on Council's website, your personal information will not be displayed. Check the [Privacy Statement](#) for further information.



Tripoli Way - Project Timeline





For more information about this project



Our Let's Chat project page serves as the central hub for all project information, progress updates and photos. Register on Let's Chat and click follow to receive email notifications whenever new information is posted.

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2. Provide the Shellharbour City Council number (02) 4221 6111