



Roadside Vegetation Management Shire of York **Stakeholder Engagement**

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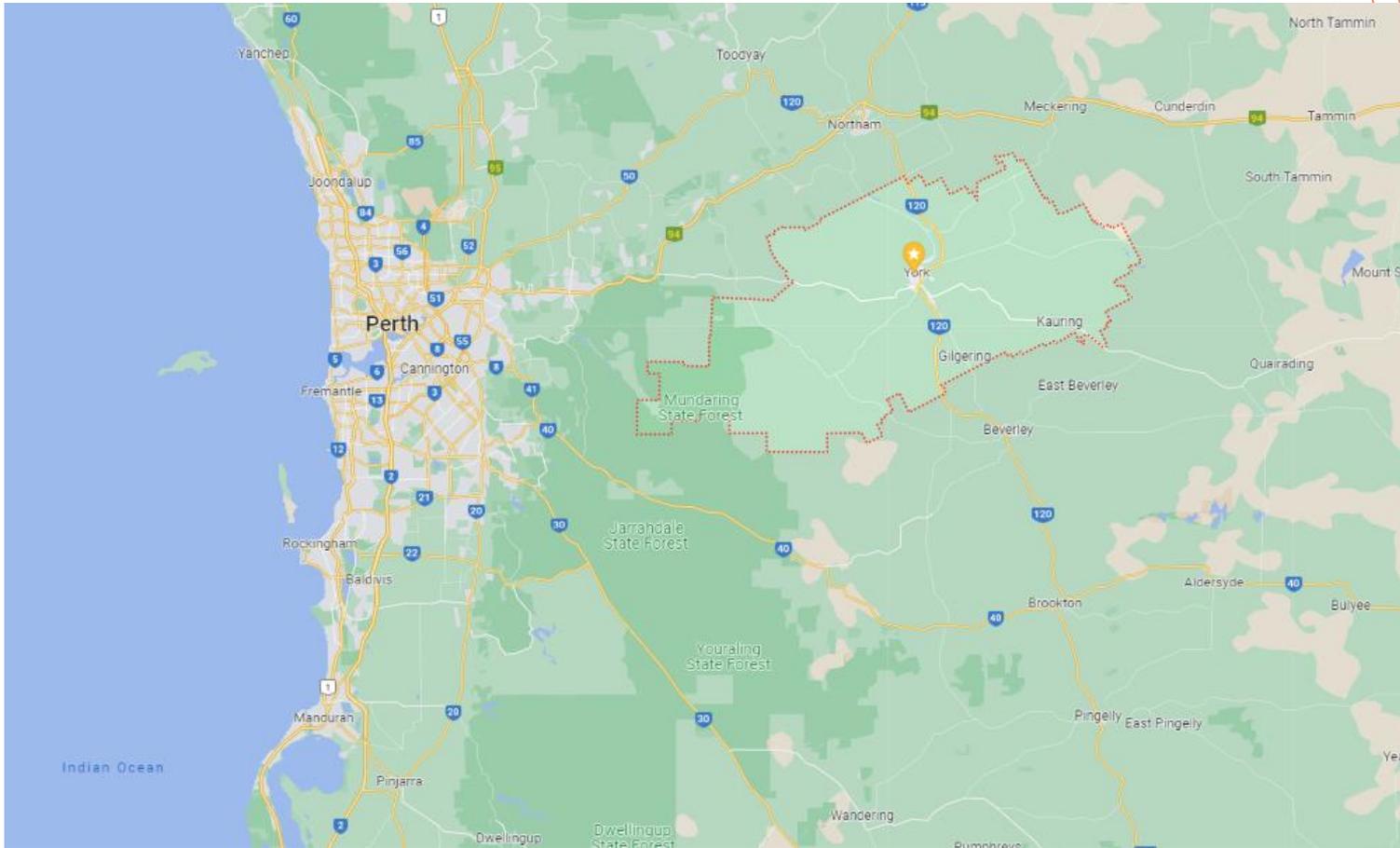
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Introduction

- 1) Shire of York manages 735km of sealed and gravel roads
- 2) Shire boundary area 213,000 hectares
- 3) Agriculture is the cornerstone of economy
- 4) Significant amount of priority flora and fauna exist within the Shire of York's areas of responsibility

Introduction

► Location



Context

Road Condition

- 1) Significant backlog for road upgrade and maintenance projects
- 2) Out of date asset management plans
- 3) No data collection of road/drainage condition undertaken in last 5 years
- 4) Increasing size and frequency of agricultural loads

Context

Roadside Vegetation

- 1) Historical clearing for agricultural lots has lead to endemic flora species being contained within the road reserve
- 2) No data on hand to inform threatened flora locations and hockey stick marker locations
- 3) Educating and understand statutory approvals processes and pathways within an ever changing regulatory environment
- 4) Understanding process timeframes for the purposes of planning and programming works which have not been accounted for
- 5) Understanding financial implications as a result of environmental requirements and grant delays

Context

Resources

- 1) Historic high turnover of staff
- 2) Limited resources

Stakeholders

- 1) Internal Staff
- 2) Road Maintenance Contractors
- 3) External Technical Consultants
- 4) Community members
- 5) Landowners
- 6) Regional Road Group
- 7) Avon Regional Organisation of Council
- 8) State Government
 - MRWA
 - DWER
 - DBCA
 - DPLH

Key Initiatives

Collaborate

- ▶ Engage DBCA to create threatened flora mapping system so data can be easily accessed
- ▶ Creation of Rural Road Working Group with local farming community representatives
- ▶ Engage with community groups who are passionate on the preservation of flora
- ▶ Liaise, provide assistance and information to regulatory bodies such as DWER and DPLH
- ▶ Representation on the Local Government Roadside Clearing Regulation Working Group, provide feedback to AROC and RRG

Key Initiatives

Educate

- ▶ Integrate priority flora requirements as part of Contractor Induction process
- ▶ Educate staff on priority flora requirements as part of Staff Induction
- ▶ Engage consultants to undertake Asset Management System review, including 360 video capture of road network to inform 10 year road plan
- ▶ Create asset management position as part of graduate engineering program to strategically plan roadside clearing works
- ▶ Work with land owners on fence line clearing requirements

Key Initiatives

Advocate

- ▶ Impact of assessment timeframes on projects
 - ▶ Risks of funding loss through MRWA
- ▶ Impact on resourcing to address roadside clearing requirements through AROC
- ▶ Quantifying road safety against clearing permit assessment
 - ▶ Working with DWER to navigate solutions
 - ▶ WALGA/Roadwise safety tool
- ▶ Improved data sharing
 - ▶ Integrated mapping systems
 - ▶ Flora location data
 - ▶ Black cockatoo habitat?
 - ▶ Road condition data

Next Steps

- ▶ Once asset management systems are in place, York can work to strategically plan its roadside clearing
- ▶ Audit of yellow hockey stick locations
- ▶ Continue to advocate for improvements to roadside clearing in the Wheatbelt

QUESTIONS

