

Station & Brooklyn Road, Melton South – Intersection Upgrade Consultation Summary

Community consultation for the reconstruction of Station & Brooklyn Road was carried out between 18 August and 01 Oct 2021. Letters and postcards were sent to residents in the area advertising the link and QR code to the webpage setup for the purpose of consultation. The schools and shopping centres were consulted separately.

A total of 79 responses were received with the project receiving significant support (average **3.37** out of 5) with overwhelming majority of respondents acknowledging the traffic congestion issue existed at this intersection.

The major concerns raised by respondents almost entirely related to the need to remove the railway level crossing and providing an overpass or undergrounding of the track.

The Council proposes to publish the consultation summary report on the project's webpage and advise the community accordingly.

This is a summary of community responses and Councils proposed feedback to the residents. Full set of comments from community is attached as an appendix.

- **Station Road needs to be duplicated as a single lane will not solve the congestion through a signalised intersection.** Station Road does not provide the required road reserve for duplication to occur.

Council continues to advocate for the level crossing removal. The proposed signalisation is an interim improvement and can be expected to improve traffic congestion.

- **Slip lanes for turning left from Station Rd to Abey Road are needed.**

Due to the constrained site there was no opportunity to provide slips lanes.

- **Right turning lanes seem very small and risk traffic extending into through lane.** Traffic modelling shows the intersection will function with the turning lane length proposed without queuing into through lanes.

- **Traffic delays are already very long. How traffic lights will solve very high volumes.** Traffic lights will be linked with the level crossing allowing traffic to flow along Brooklyn/Abey Road while boom gates are activated. This is currently not possible while cars sit within the roundabout waiting for boom gates to lift.

- **Primary concern that the congestion is caused not by the roundabout but the railway level crossing. Very high demand and overwhelming support for level crossing removal.**

- **Effect on business - already struggled due to Covid and now road work imminent.**

Council has taken steps to minimise the impact on local businesses by minimising disruptions. All retail will be accessible during construction, no parking within the strip shopping area will be impacted.

Consultation with Coles supermarket.

Super market manager agreed that their supplies would not be affected by road closures and satisfied with the planned detours. No major concern expressed. Council agreed to continue to provide project updates and timing of road closures when a contractor is engaged.

Consultation with Coles Express service station.

Deliveries not expected to be affected by closures. Slight concern about affects on business, however satisfied that road closures are short term not expected to be more than three months in each direction. Deliberate and ongoing communication with the service station will be required during construction to work in with their fuel delivery schedule.

Consultation with Body Corporate 2-4 Station Road.

Owners' corporation manager advised that no concerns have been expressed by residents with regards to the removal of tress within the body corporate land. Body corporate management were satisfied that council will plant trees as replacements as part of landscape plan at its own cost.