



Vegetation Fact Sheet

The Public Transport Projects Alliance (PTP Alliance) will remove the level crossing on Torrens Road, Ovingham, to improve travel times, connectivity and safety for all road and rail users. The \$196 million project is jointly funded (50:50) by the Australian and South Australian governments.

Minimising vegetation impacts

The Ovingham Level Crossing Removal Project has been carefully designed and staged to minimise vegetation impacts, as much as practically possible.

This included undertaking vegetation surveys during the early investigation stage to inform the design and construction, to avoid impacts to vegetation, where possible, and engaging a fauna specialist, and arborist to carefully supervise the required vegetation removals.

While every effort was made to avoid impacts, vegetation removals were required as part of the project to safely construct the bridge, realign Torrens Road over the railway corridor and create cycling and pedestrian paths.

These impacts are managed in accordance with legislative requirements, with vegetation removals offset in accordance with the Department for Transport and Infrastructure's (the Department) Vegetation Removal Policy.

Enhancing amenity

As part of this project, new landscaped areas will be created to offset the vegetation removed and enhance the amenity of the area.

On project completion, the garden bed landscape surrounding the area will comprise more than 21,000 individual plants, which equates to more than 10,000 square metres of new irrigated garden beds.

Further information, including landscaping plans and vegetation species, will be provided as the landscaping design progresses.

Selecting species

The landscaping designs will balance the use of indigenous and non-indigenous species and include semi-mature trees.

Reusing limbs and trunks

Fallen limbs play an important part in local biodiversity. Where possible, large limbs and trunks that need to be removed are retained and placed in parks and reserves for landscaping, nature play and public artwork.

We have been working with the City of Prospect to donate trunks for reuse to four local schools and a local childcare centre.

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An example of how trunks can be reused for nature play.

Community Wildlife Program

The Community Wildlife Program is a Department initiative that involves working with local communities to help offset the loss of habitat caused by necessary vegetation removal.

The Program involves a series of information sessions and workshops focused on how to attract native wildlife into the local area. Keep an eye out for more information about these planned sessions. They will be promoted via the Project website and a letter drop.

We are also collaborating with Kaurna, local schools and a local childcare centre to deliver a 'bush tucker garden'. More information about this will be provided as the landscaping design progresses.

If you have any suggestions on how we can work with the community to deliver a successful Community Wildlife Program, please contact us via the details below.



An example of a local school wildlife workshop focussed on enhancing the local habitat as part of the Regency Road to Pym Street Project area and surrounding school grounds.

More information

Further information will be provided to residents and those registered for updates as the landscape design is developed with the City of Charles Sturt and City of Prospect.

To find out more about the Ovingham Level Crossing Removal Project and register for future email updates, please contact us using the contact details below.

We appreciate your co-operation and patience while these important works are undertaken.