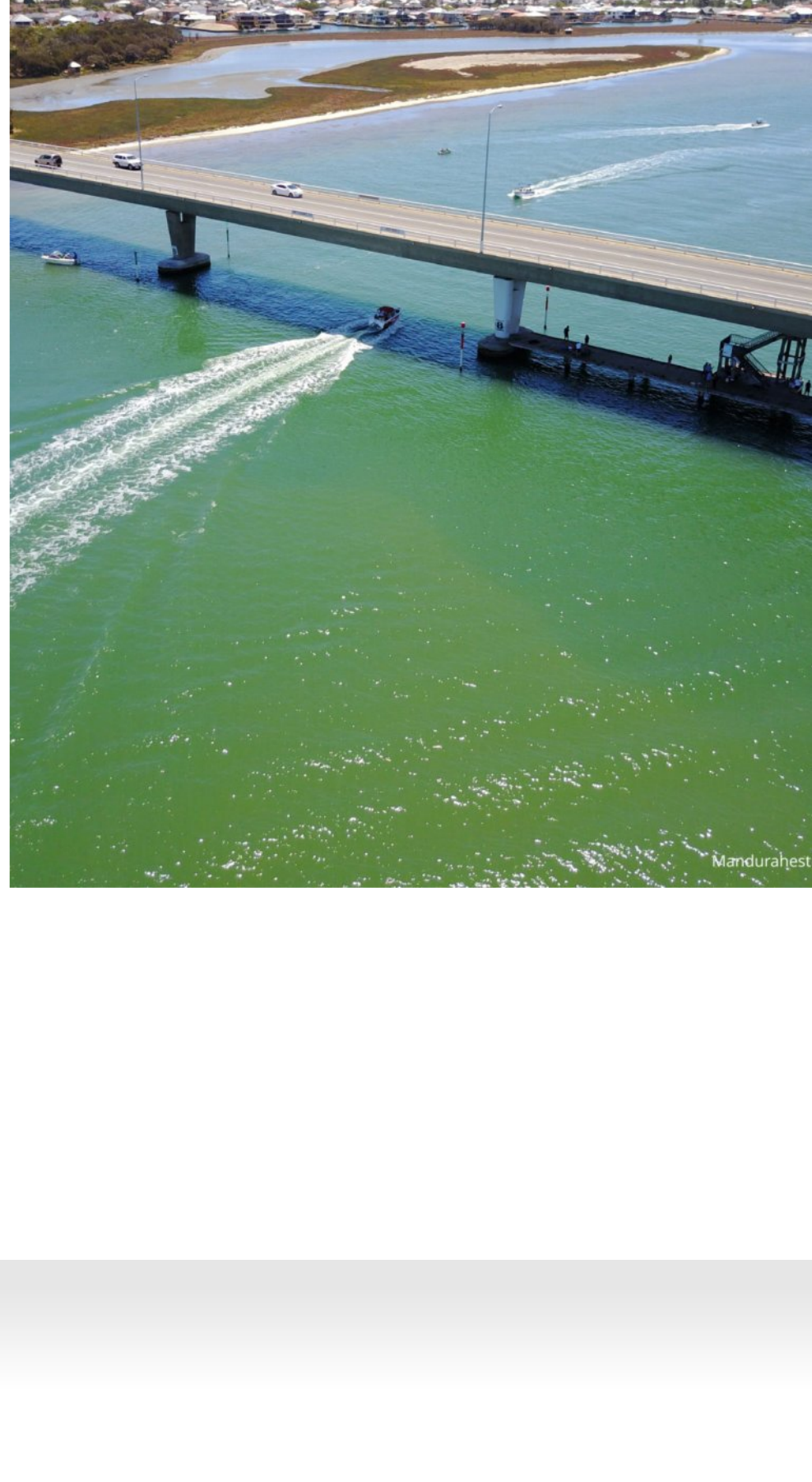


# Mandurah Estuary Bridge Work

2024 - 2026



As part of the initial design for the Estuary Bridge Duplication Project, noise abatement walls were specified along part of Mandurah Road between Leslie Street & Old Coast Road. Vegetation was cleared to prepare the foundations for a third lane, prepare for these walls and for required drainage channels.

**Contrary to online disinformation, residents were not consulted before clearing and had no say in the planned noise walls which were required to be installed by law to reduce traffic noise.**

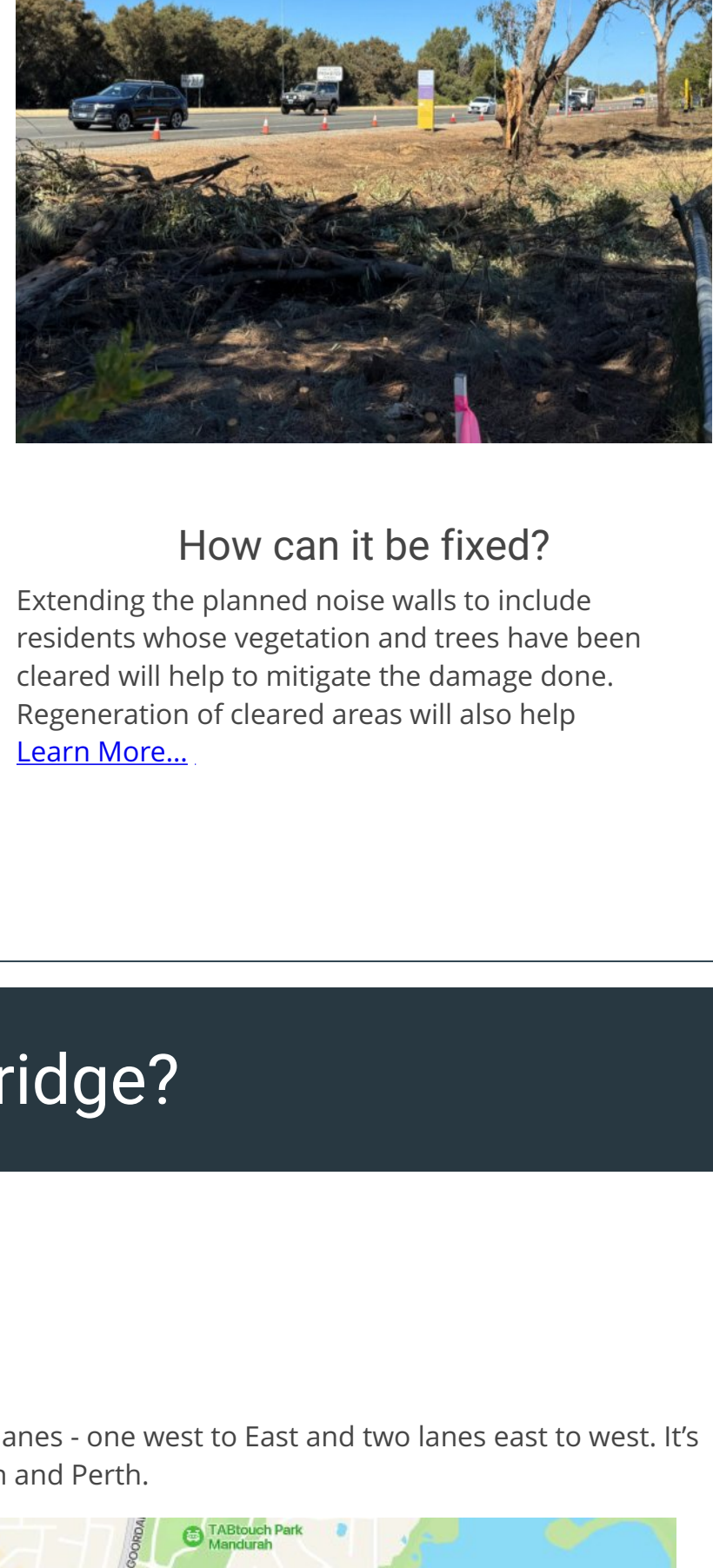
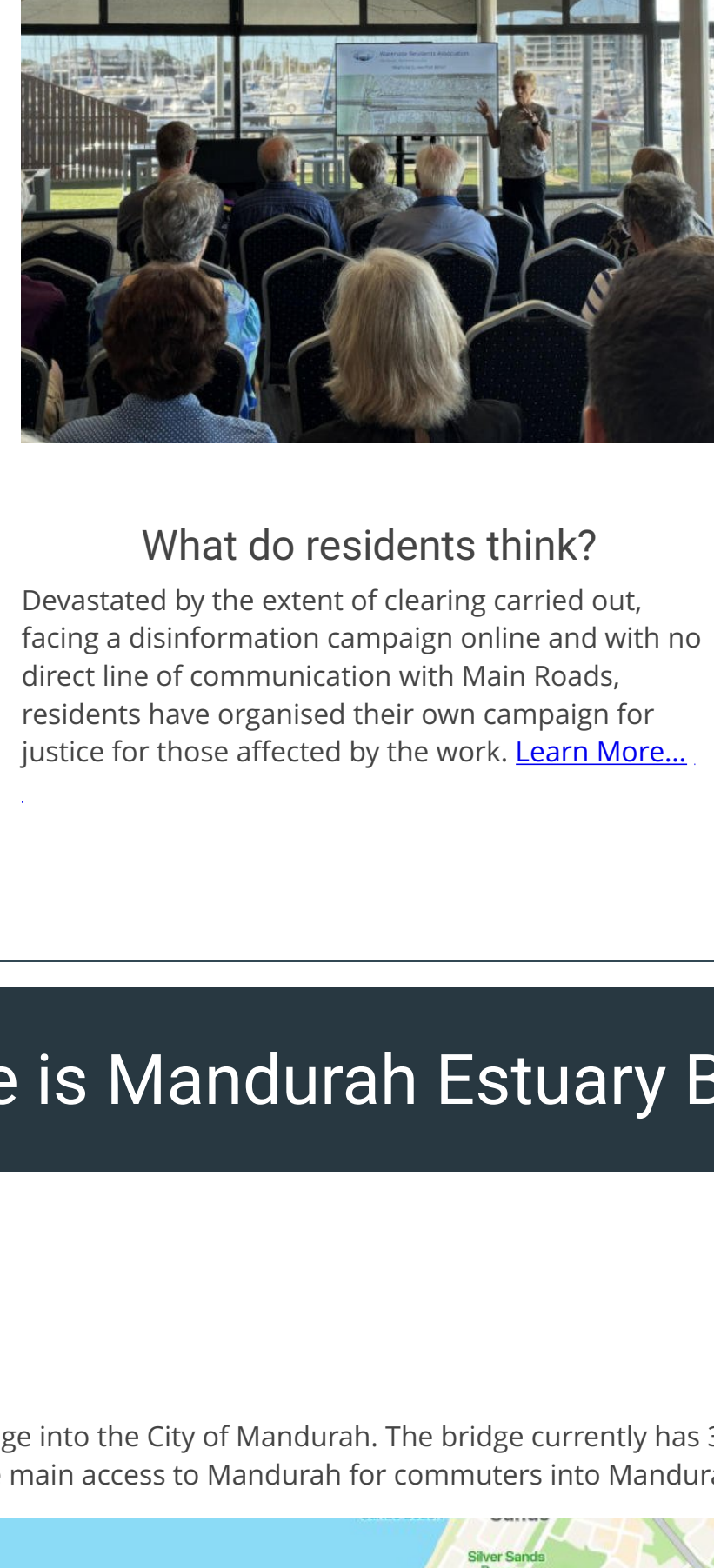
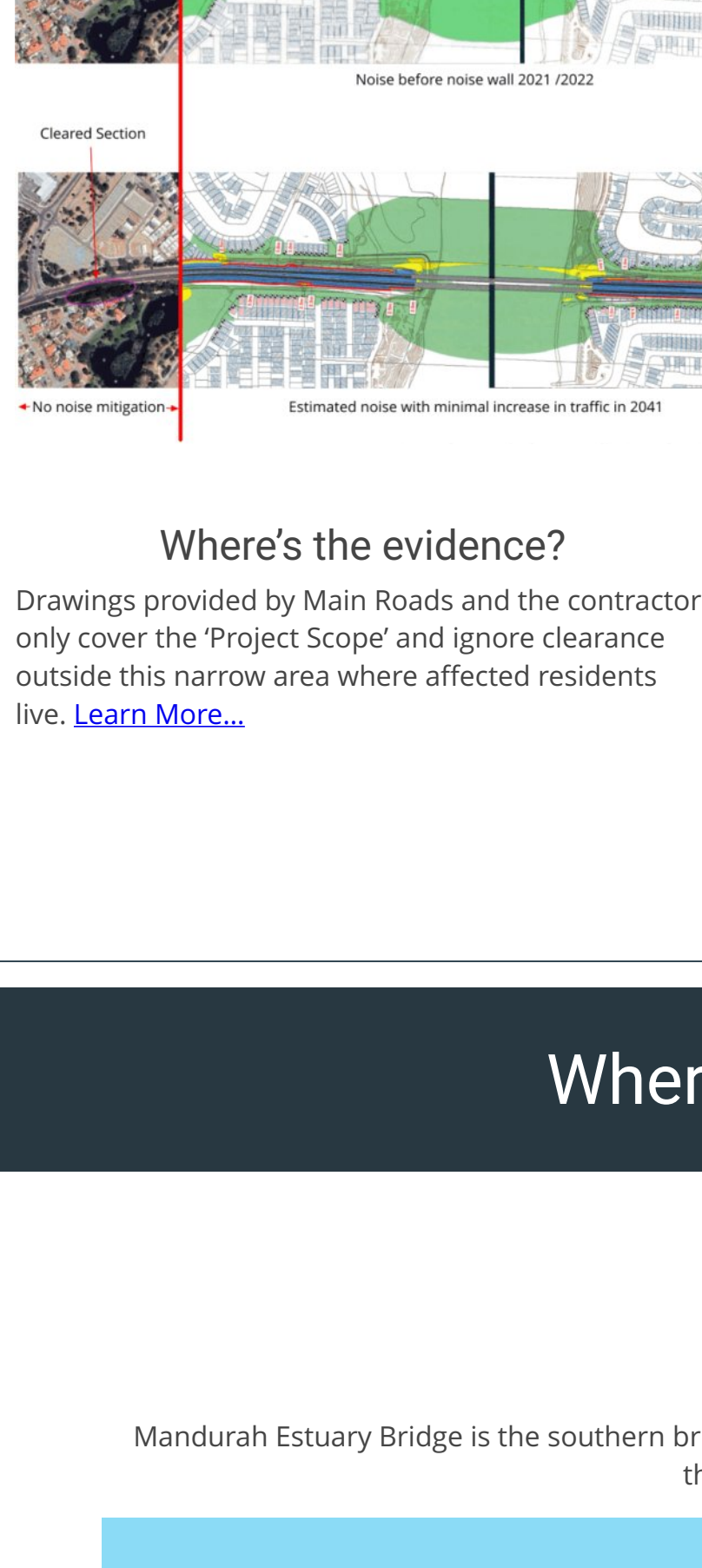
We are devastated by the loss of our trees and vegetation but support the improvements in traffic flow the bridge duplication will bring. We are however, concerned about the affect an increase in traffic noise will have on our families health and hearing.

**We are advocating for the required walls to be extended and vegetation be replaced on all four approaches to the Mandurah Estuary Bridge from Leslie St lights to the lights at Old Coast Rd.**

## THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS

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### ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE MANDURAH ESTUARY BRIDGE NOISE WALLS



#### Where is Mandurah Estuary Bridge?

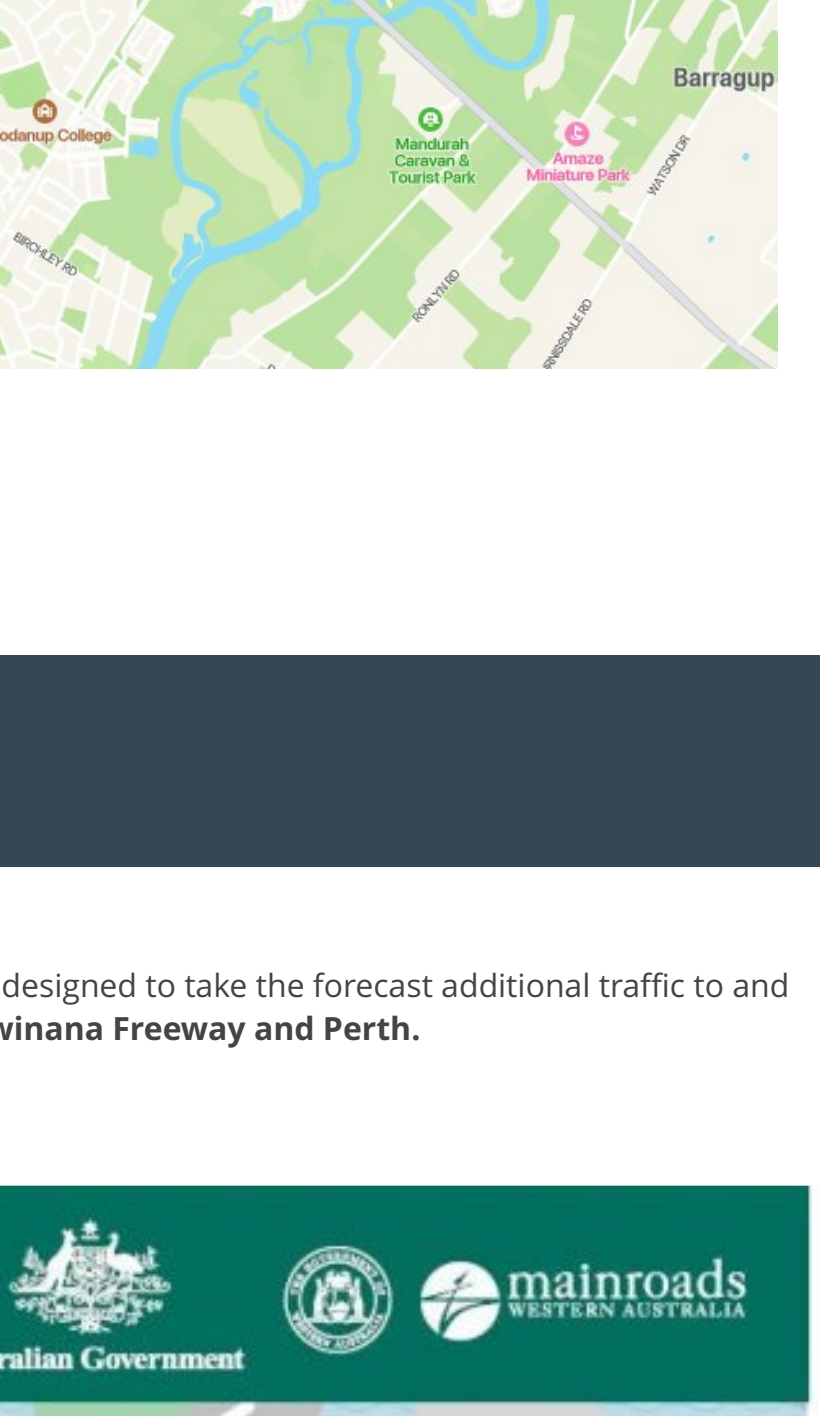
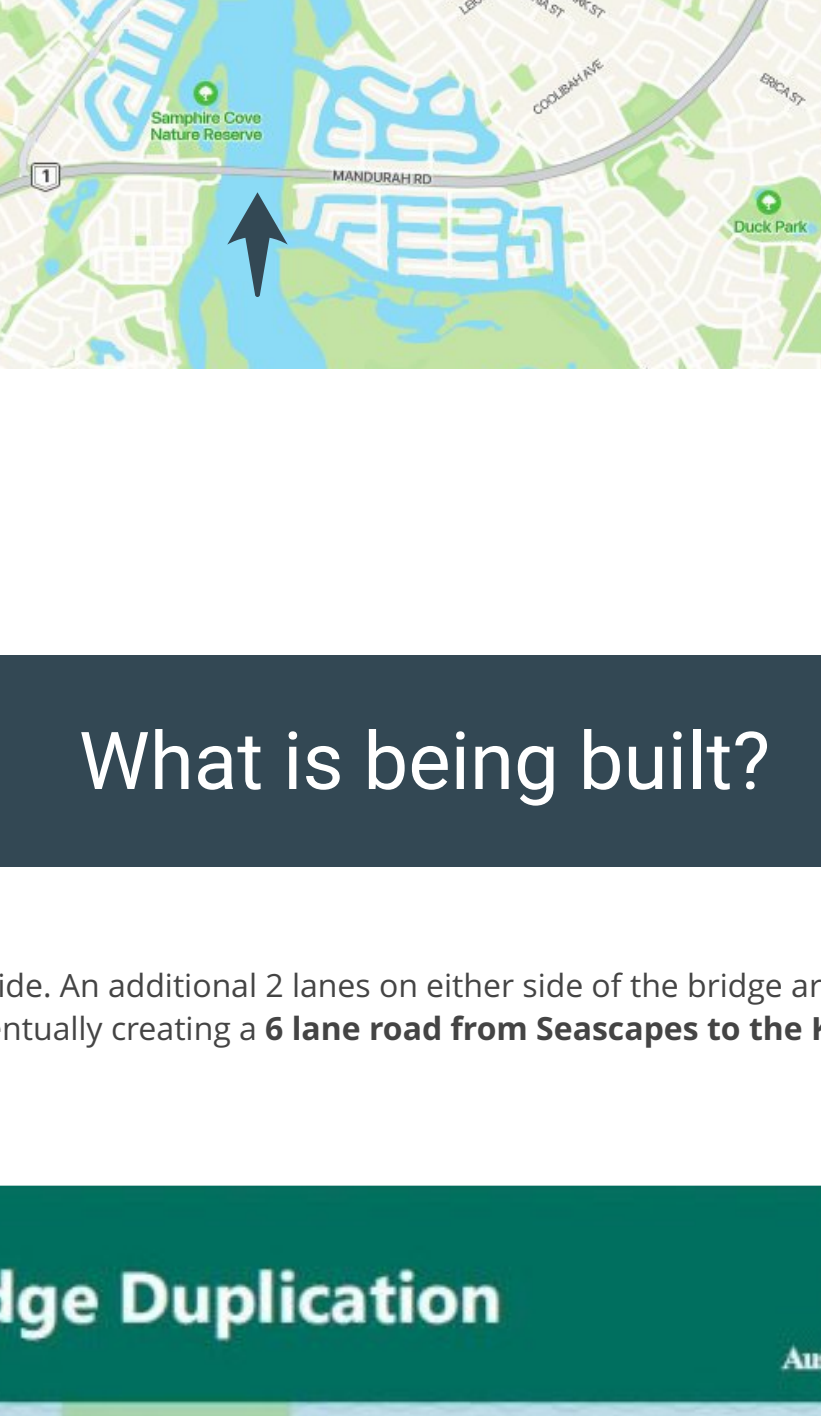
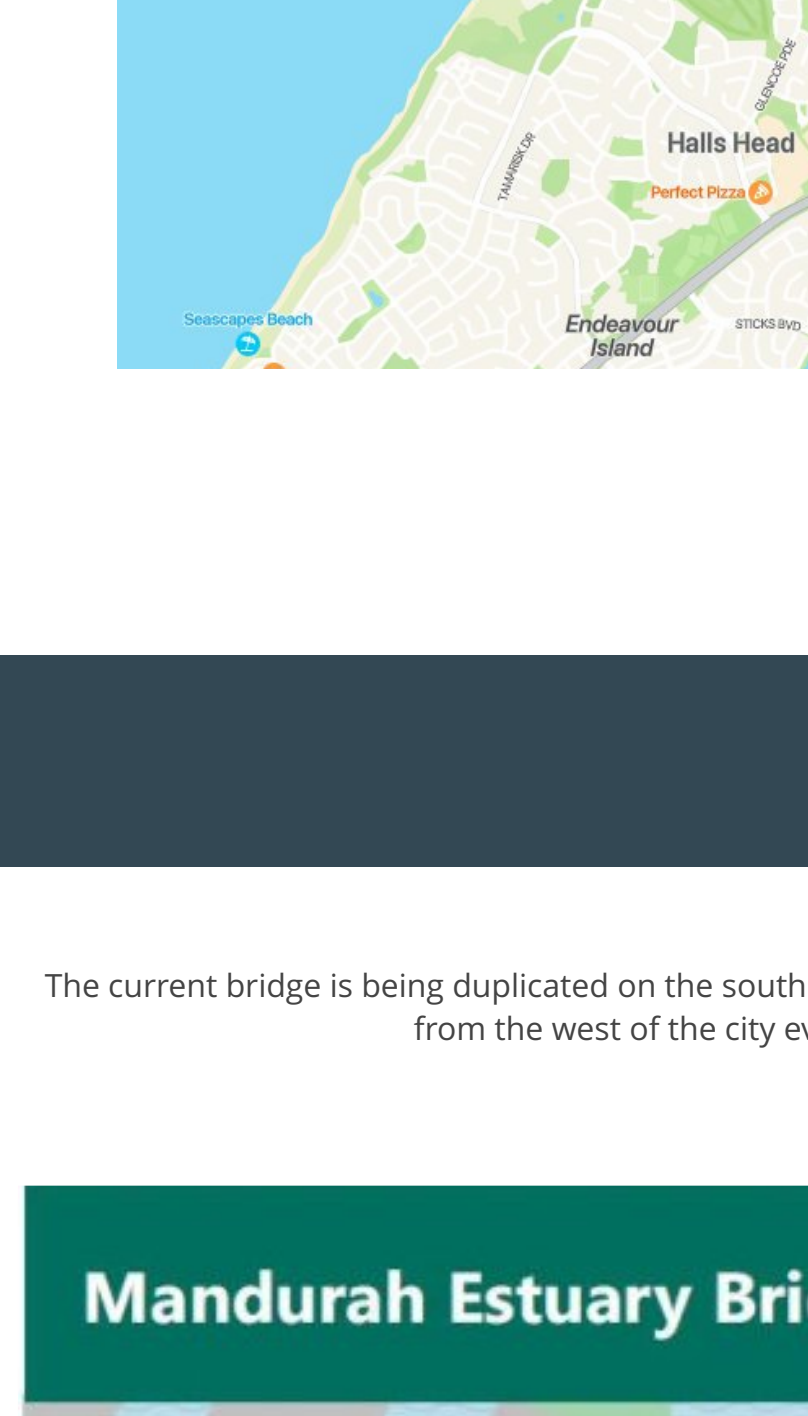
The three lane bridge connects Dawesville and Avocet Island to Mandurah, Kwinana Freeway and Perth. It's a main transport route for commuters and forms part of a 6 lane road improvement planned for the next few years as traffic increases. [Learn More...](#)

#### What is being built?

A second three lane bridge is being built alongside the original along with retaining walls for two extra lanes on the approaches, drainage ditches and noise walls (required by law due to increased traffic) [Learn More...](#)

#### What is going wrong?

Clearing of trees and vegetation for construction **outside the designated 'Project Scope'** have left Residents exposed to large volumes of traffic with no noise mitigation and no privacy. [Learn More...](#)



#### Where's the evidence?

Drawings provided by Main Roads and the contractor only cover the 'Project Scope' and ignore clearance outside this narrow area where affected residents live. [Learn More...](#)

#### What do residents think?

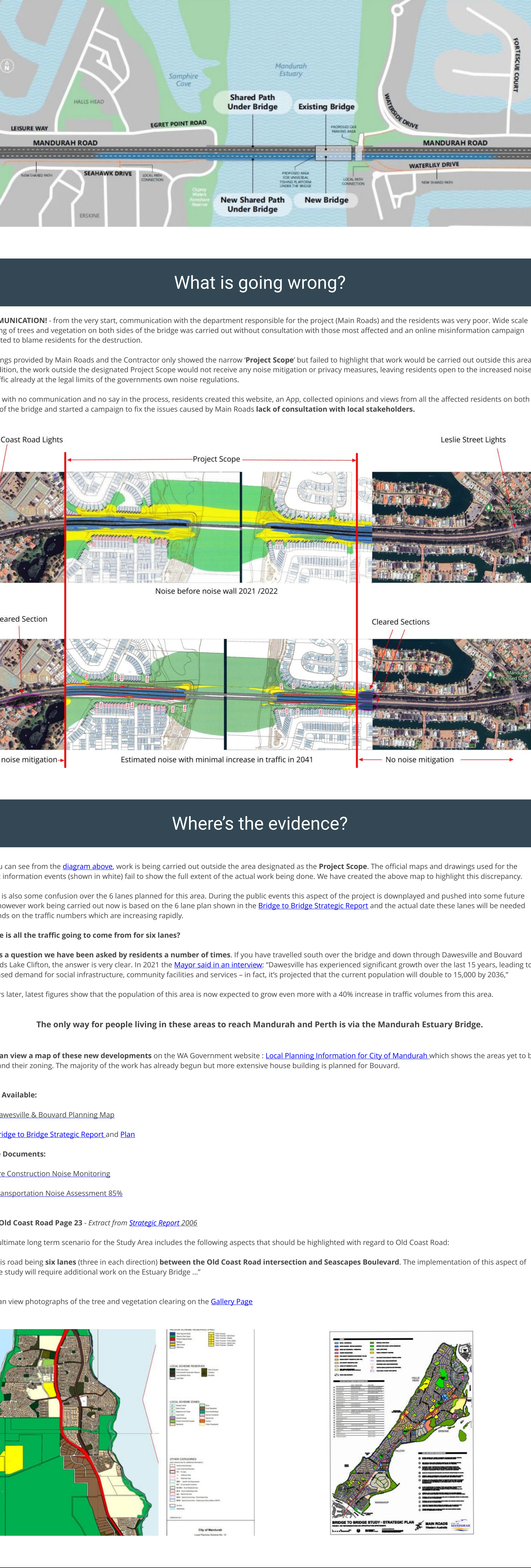
Devastated by the extent of clearing carried out, facing a disinformation campaign online and with no direct line of communication with Main Roads, residents have organised their own campaign for justice for those affected by their work. [Learn More...](#)

#### How can it be fixed?

Extending the planned noise walls to include residents whose vegetation and trees have been cleared will help to mitigate the damage done. Regeneration of cleared areas will also help [Learn More...](#)

## Where is Mandurah Estuary Bridge?

Mandurah Estuary Bridge is the southern bridge into the City of Mandurah. The bridge currently has 3 lanes - one west to East and two lanes east to west. It's the main access to Mandurah for commuters into Mandurah and Perth.



## What is being built?

The current bridge is being duplicated on the south side. An additional 2 lanes on either side of the bridge are designed to take the forecast additional traffic to and from the west of the city eventually creating a 6 lane road from Seascapes to the Kwinana Freeway and Perth.

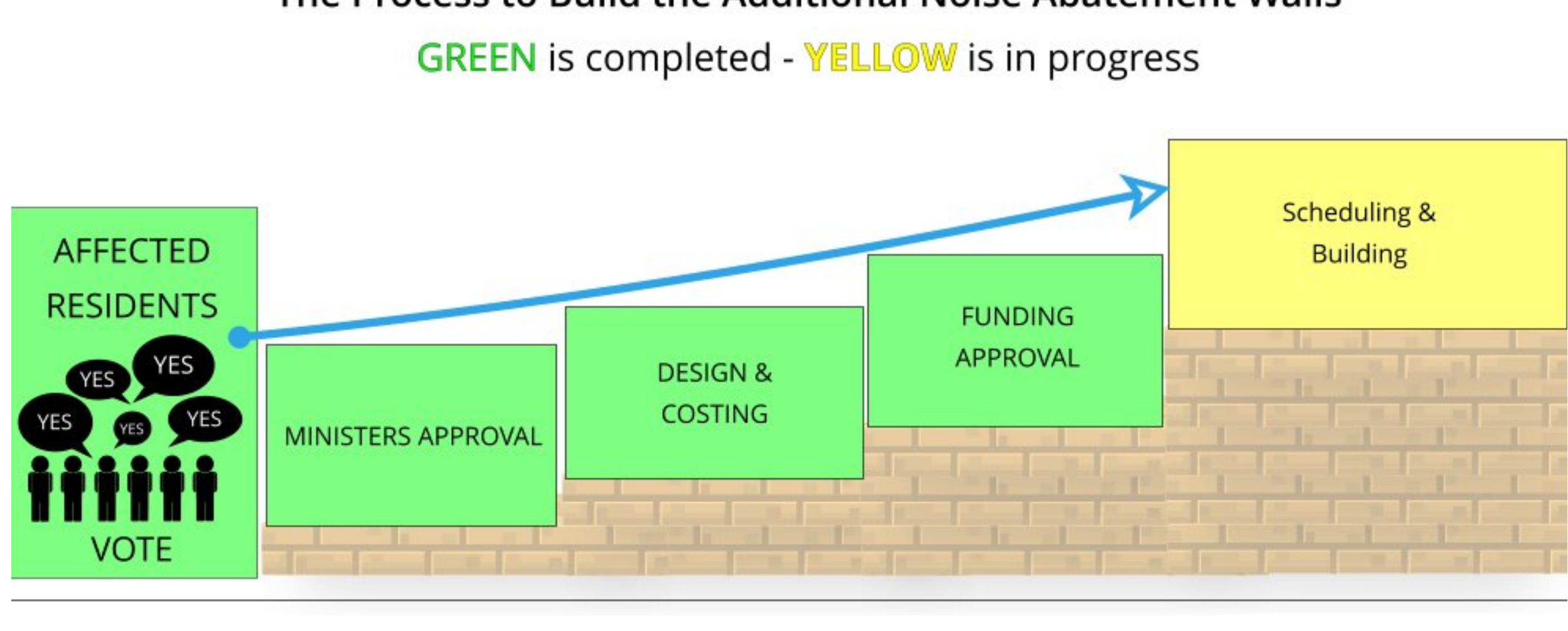


## What is going wrong?

**COMMUNICATION!** - from the very start, communication with the department responsible for the project (Main Roads) and the residents was very poor. Wide scale clearing of trees and vegetation on both sides of the bridge was carried out without consultation with those most affected and an online misinformation campaign mounted to blame residents for the destruction.

Drawings provided by Main Roads and the Contractor only showed the narrow 'Project Scope' but failed to highlight that work would be carried out outside this area. In addition, the work outside the designated Project Scope would not receive any noise mitigation or privacy measures, leaving residents open to the increased noise of traffic already at the legal limits of the governments own noise regulations.

Faced with no communication and no say in the process, residents created this website, an App, collected opinions and views from all the affected residents on both sides of the bridge and started a campaign to fix the issues caused by Main Roads **lack of consultation with local stakeholders.**



## Where's the evidence?

As you can see from the [diagram above](#), work is being carried out outside the area designated as the **Project Scope**. The official maps and drawings used for the public information events (shown in white) fail to show the full extent of the actual work being done. We have created the above map to highlight this discrepancy.

There is also some confusion over the 6 lanes planned for this area. During the public events this aspect of the project is downplayed and pushed into some future date however work being carried out now is based on the 6 lane plan shown in the [Bridge to Bridge Strategic Report](#) and the actual date these lanes will be needed depends on the traffic numbers which are increasing rapidly.

**Where is all the traffic going to come from for six lanes?**

**This is a question we have been asked by residents a number of times.** If you have travelled south over the bridge and down through Dawesville and Bouvard towards Lake Clifton, the answer is very clear. In 2021 the [Mayor said in an interview](#): "Dawesville has experienced significant growth over the last 15 years, leading to increased demand for social infrastructure, community facilities and services - in fact, it's projected that the current population will double to 15,000 by 2036,"

3 years later, latest figures show that the population of this area is now expected to grow even more with a 40% increase in traffic volumes from this area.

**The only way for people living in these areas to reach Mandurah and Perth is via the Mandurah Estuary Bridge.**

You can view a map of these new developments on the WA Government website : [Local Planning Information for City of Mandurah](#) which shows the areas yet to be built and their zoning. The majority of the work has already begun but more extensive house building is planned for Bouvard.

- Plans Available:**
- 1. [Dawesville & Bouvard Planning Map](#)
  - 2. [Bridge to Bridge Strategic Report](#) and [Plan](#)

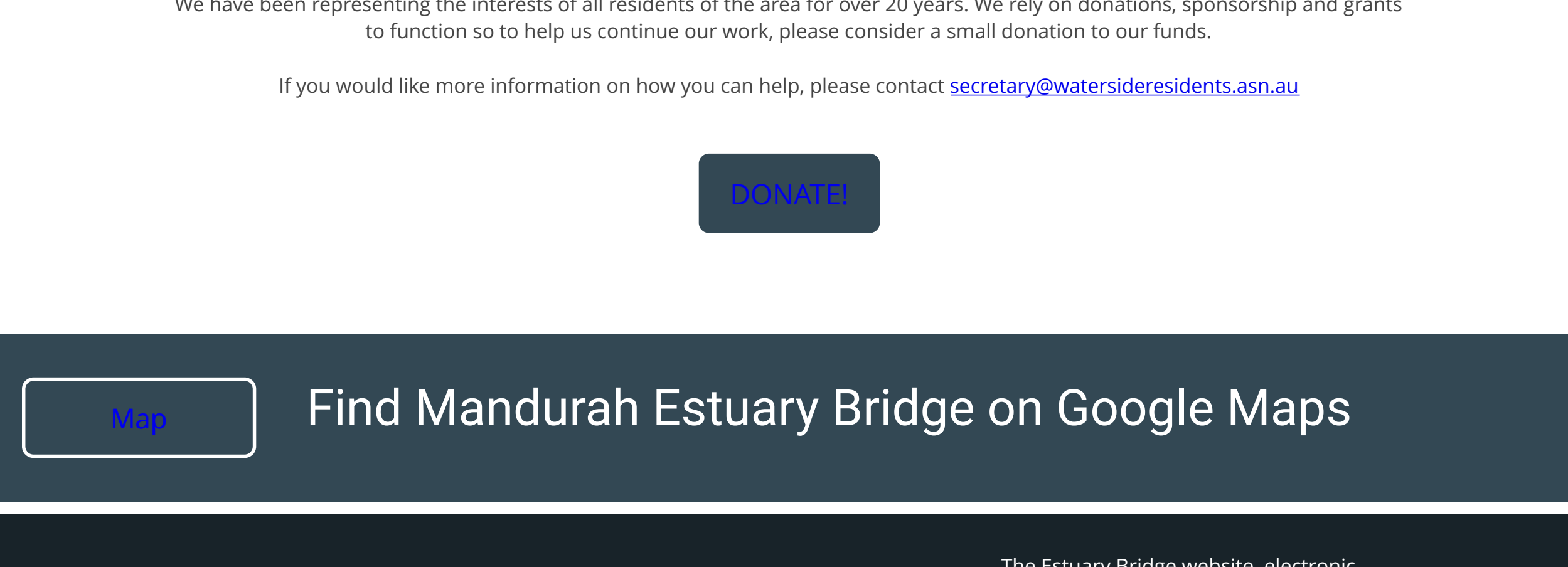
- Noise Documents:**
- 1. [Pre-Construction Noise Monitoring](#)
  - 2. [Transportation Noise Assessment 85%](#)

**5.2.1 Old Coast Road Page 23 - Extract from Strategic Report 2006**

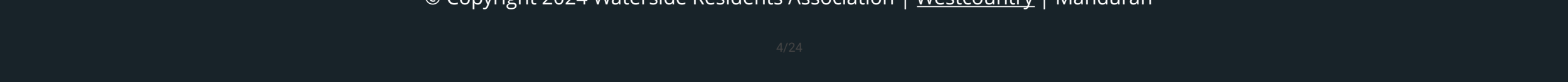
"The ultimate long term scenario for the Study Area includes the following aspects that should be highlighted with regard to Old Coast Road:

- This road being **six lanes** (three in each direction) **between the Old Coast Road intersection and Seascapes Boulevard**. The implementation of this aspect of the study will require additional work on the Estuary Bridge ..."

You can view photographs of the tree and vegetation clearing the [Gallery Page](#)



## What do Residents think?



**Waterston Place - No noise mitigation is planned despite all the trees and shrubs between the road and the houses being cut down!**

Faced with devastating clearing of their road verge, noise, dust and lights from cars and trucks now shining in their windows 24/7, Residents sought the advice of the local Residents Association. [Waterside Residents Association](#) set up a committee to act as a single point of contact between Residents and the project stakeholders - Main Roads, Geogrou Group, the State Transport Minister and the two local ministers: Lisa Munday and David Templaman.

Despite following the correct procedures, the WRA sub committee were unable to engage Main Roads in any meaningful discussions. As an example, as part of our campaign to raise awareness of the difficult situation residents find themselves in with the current project design and lack of noise mitigation for homes, WRA gave a detailed presentation to the City of Mandurah on 16th April 24 at the council offices.

**The meeting, attended by councillors, was scheduled to include representatives of Main Roads and Geogrou Group however members of this group were instructed by Main Roads to remain in reception during our talk & not to attend or discuss the matter with us.**

Please draw your own conclusions on the communication strategy with residents currently being employed on this project.

City of Mandurah were very supportive of our presentation. You can view our [presentation here](#)

**The WRA Bridge Sub-Committee** were asked by the Transport Ministers Office to give every affected resident (those facing Mandurah Road with no noise wall currently included in the plan) a vote on adding extensions to the planned wall. We visited as many affected residents as we could contact in person and called or emailed those who were not available to discuss with them the consequences of their vote and the options they had, we also showed everyone the drawings Main Roads and Geogrou have provided so far. Note: We excluded unbuilt blocks and Airbnb (where owners were not contactable)

**The Results were as follows:**

**Waterside Drive** of 28 homes, we collected 24 votes (86%) 24 Yes / 0 No (100%)

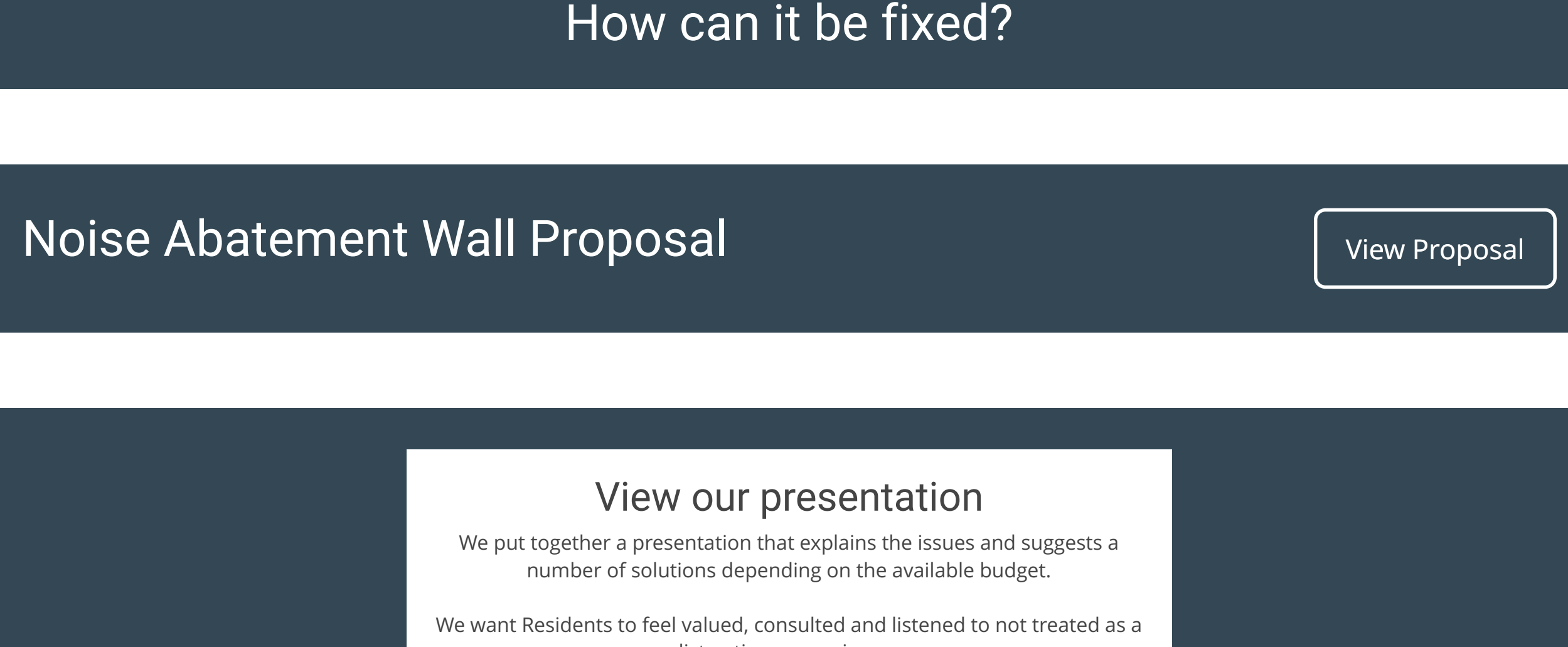
**Waterlily Drive** of 28 homes, we collected 22 votes (88%) 13 Yes / 1 No (95%)

**Waterston/Arkley** of 15 homes we collected 13 votes (87%) 13 Yes / 0 No (100%)

The results have been sent to the Ministers Office along with drawings and details of the noise wall extensions and changes the residents are asking for. The funding has now been approved and will now be scheduled for construction.

## The Process to Build the Additional Noise Abatement Walls

**GREEN** is completed - **YELLOW** is in progress



## How can it be fixed?

### Noise Abatement Wall Proposal

[View Proposal](#)

**View our presentation**

We put together a presentation that explains the issues and suggests a number of solutions depending on the available budget.

We want Residents to feel valued, consulted and listened to not treated as a distraction or a nuisance.

**Please support us in our quest to be treated fairly as Residents in Mandurah**

[PRESENTATION](#)

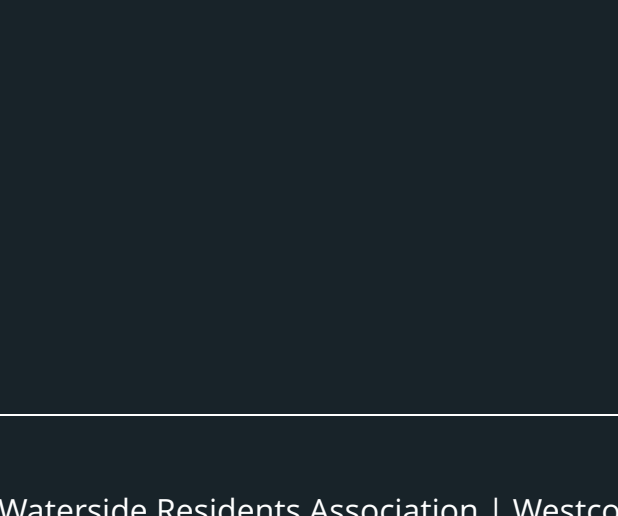
**REMEMBER!**

We are just the first along Mandurah Road to experience this 'upgrade' - your community may soon find itself faced with the same issues as road widening continues.

Are you ready?

For more information

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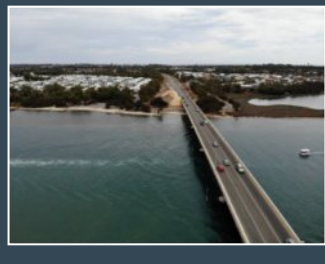
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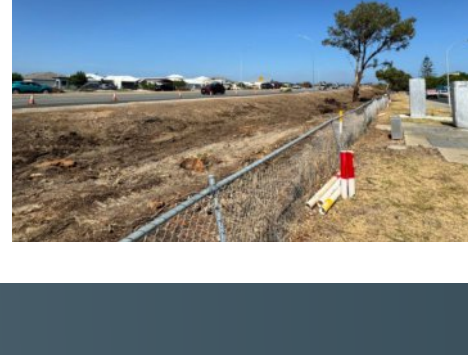


## What would you like to know?

The Estuary Bridge Facebook page run by Main Roads has (as of 1st April) 7 questions and only 1 answer (and that's to call them)

With a lack of up to date answers to residents questions, we will endeavour to provide answers here.

If you have any questions or official answers you'd like to see here, [please let us know](#)



## Questions & Answers

To go direct to a section, click the underlined title below. If you have a question you'd like to ask, please let us know by email to [committee@mandurahestuarybridge.com](mailto:committee@mandurahestuarybridge.com)

**01** [General Questions](#)

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**04** [Who to Contact](#)

## General Questions

### Are the residents against the bridge duplication?

No, they are long term residents who are extremely proud of Mandurah and support these type of development projects.

### Main Roads claims they have done extensive consultation. Why are the residents still complaining?

That is not entirely correct. There have been consultation events, however during the events the Main Roads and contractor representatives were unable to answer concerns of residents. There has never been follow up on questions raised during these sessions.

### Is it correct that residents asked for a noise wall which is the reason the vegetation was taken out?

No, that is not correct. It was only after vegetation was removed, that residents start asking questions with regard to the why and to how the impact was mitigated. Acknowledging that the vegetation removal was needed for the project residents requested that noise abatement be put in place.

### Why do residents believe that a noise wall needs to be installed?

Residents have not found any legislation that references "major works". E.g. [State Planning Policy 5.4 Road and Rail Noise](#), there is a legal obligation to mitigate for noise at residents within a specified "trigger distance" of the project.

### Main Roads indicated that they have taken necessary action for impact resulting from major works related to the project. Why are the residents not satisfied with this?

Main Roads communication indicates "scope of work" and "major works". The later being only part of the total scope. Residents are concerned about the effects of the scope of work not only the parts that Main Roads unilaterally deems major works.

### Why do residents disagree with that what main roads defines as "major works"?

Residents have not found any legislation that references "major works". E.g. [State Planning Policy 5.4 Road and Rail Noise](#), references that any resident within a specified "trigger distance" needs to be considered. E.g. looking at the noise contour maps of the project one will notice that not all areas where vegetation has been cleared has been included.

### Did the residents partake in the consultation events organised by Main Roads?

Yes. Not only did residents partake in all consultation events, they also tried to follow up after the consultation events and never got straight answers for their concerns.

### Have the residents raised their concerns during the consultation events? What was the outcome?

Yes. However the representatives from main roads and the contractor at these events were unable or unwilling to answer the questions or addressing the concerns. E.g. the final political channels to be removed; The ultimate location of noise abatement infrastructure; The place and type of re vegetation; Why certain areas have not been consulted; etc..

### Did residents engage their local councillors? What was the outcome?

Yes we did and compliment them on the fact that they spend ample time to listen. The outcome is that they understand the concerns and have been using their designated political channels to get us the answers. Unfortunately the political red tape seems to end up again with Main Roads who are not willing to provide answers or consider the concerns.

### Main Roads has a phone number that residents can call if they need information/ clarifications. Have residents used that and what was the outcome?

Yes they did on many occasions. Unfortunately, the calls are screened after which the bridge related questions are transferred to the contractor communication department whom in turn then claim that it is an issue for Main Roads and that we need to contact them. In essence pointing the residents in circles.

### Main Roads indicated that in selected parts, they intend to re vegetate. Why are the residents still concerned?

The available information indicates that the re vegetation is just about planting trees not maintaining them. E.g. no retic, etc. The residents have requested insights into the environmental management plan. To date there has not been confirmation whether one exists, let alone whether it is available for review.

## Project Questions

### Where can I find the latest bridge design drawings?

The latest drawings are usually shown to residents at Open House Events held by Main Roads (last one was March 12th) although copies of these drawings cannot be published online so you need to attend the event to view them. The WRA Bridge sub-committee try to obtain copies from officially published documents (such as noise reports) and link to them on this site so residents at least have something to go on.

### How can I report an issue or find out the answer to an important question?

You could try the Main Roads Facebook page but not many questions have been answered to date. The official route is to send an email to [enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@mainroads.wa.gov.au) which is the WA centre for all communications with Main Roads.

Alternatively, try our [Report on Issue](#) form on this website which will not only send an email to Main Roads but also copy the WRA committee so that we can chase up your query on your behalf. So far our form has met with some successes especially with obtaining screening for Waterlily Drive.

### Is there anyone in Georgiou doing QA after contractors have been working. We've noticed metal bits left on the pavement after the fencing along Waterlily and many tie wrap ends left on the ground after screening material was erected on the Georgiou compound which were picked up by a resident?

Yes Georgiou has two people looking after contractor work and these matters have been brought to their attention - both these issues have been resolved. (Update from Alison at meeting on 13th March)

### March newsletter - does the "precast concreting casting bed" mean that you actually manufacture the concrete beams on site? If ready concrete is being supplied where will the delivery trucks be cleaning out their slurry?

Yes we will be casting the slabs on site using ready mix concrete. Georgiou will be creating a pit, within the work area, where the delivery trucks will clean out their slurry. At the end of the project the pit & contents will be dug out and disposed of. (Nick Georgiou to Mel at Open Event)

### What will the noise wall be constructed of?

"The overview plan will also show noise walls included within the project. These noise walls will mostly comprise concrete panels and steel posts. There will be recessed artwork on the road-facing side of the wall, and the residential side of the wall will be a painted concrete and anti-graffiti coating finish. Revegetation is planned for in front of the walls where possible on the residential side. The height of the noise wall will vary along the roadside depending on the requirements indicated by noise modelling. The project will achieve the required standard with regards to mitigating noise with the construction of the noise walls." (Alison - Georgiou email 1/3/24)

## Environmental Questions

### Can we see the original fauna and flora survey done before any of the vegetation was removed. Did the survey include birds? (Robyn - Mandurah/Me-Waterside/Dennis-Waterston 5/3/24)

The Environmental Impact Assessment Report was requested from Main Roads in early March 24 - We still await this document.

## Who to Contact



### MainRoads:

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[Facebook Project Page](#)

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**Work**

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## Ask a Question

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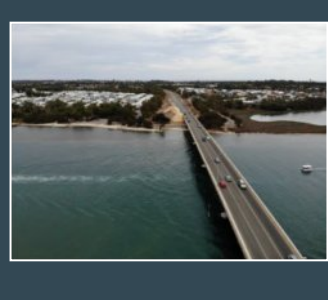
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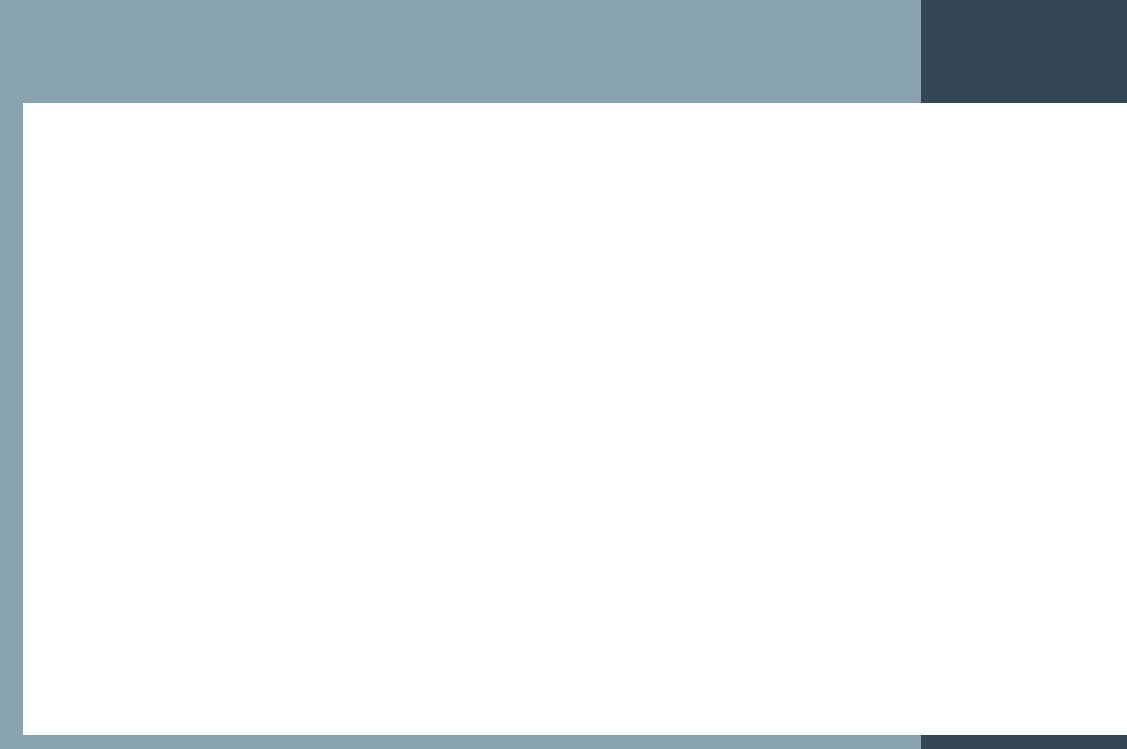
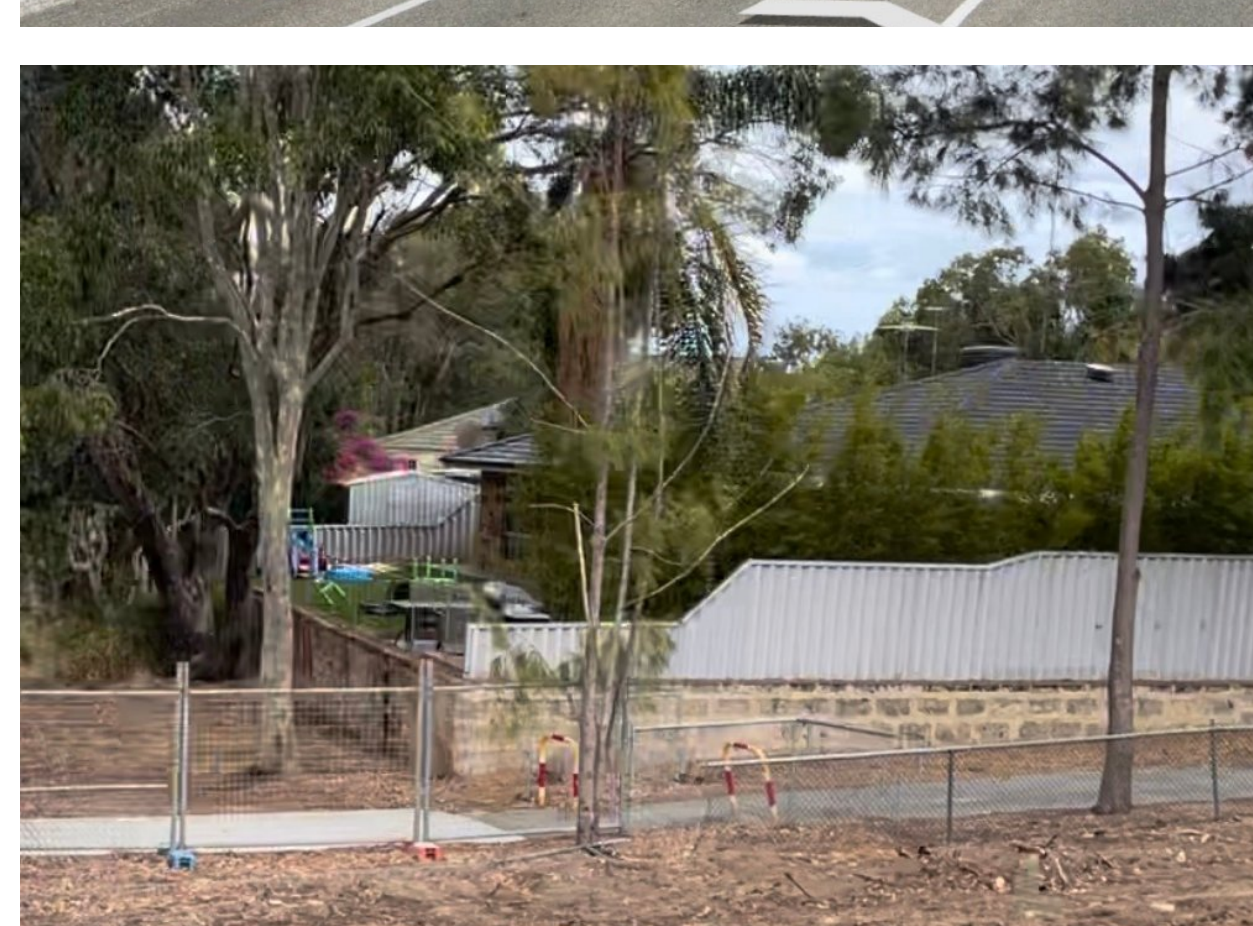
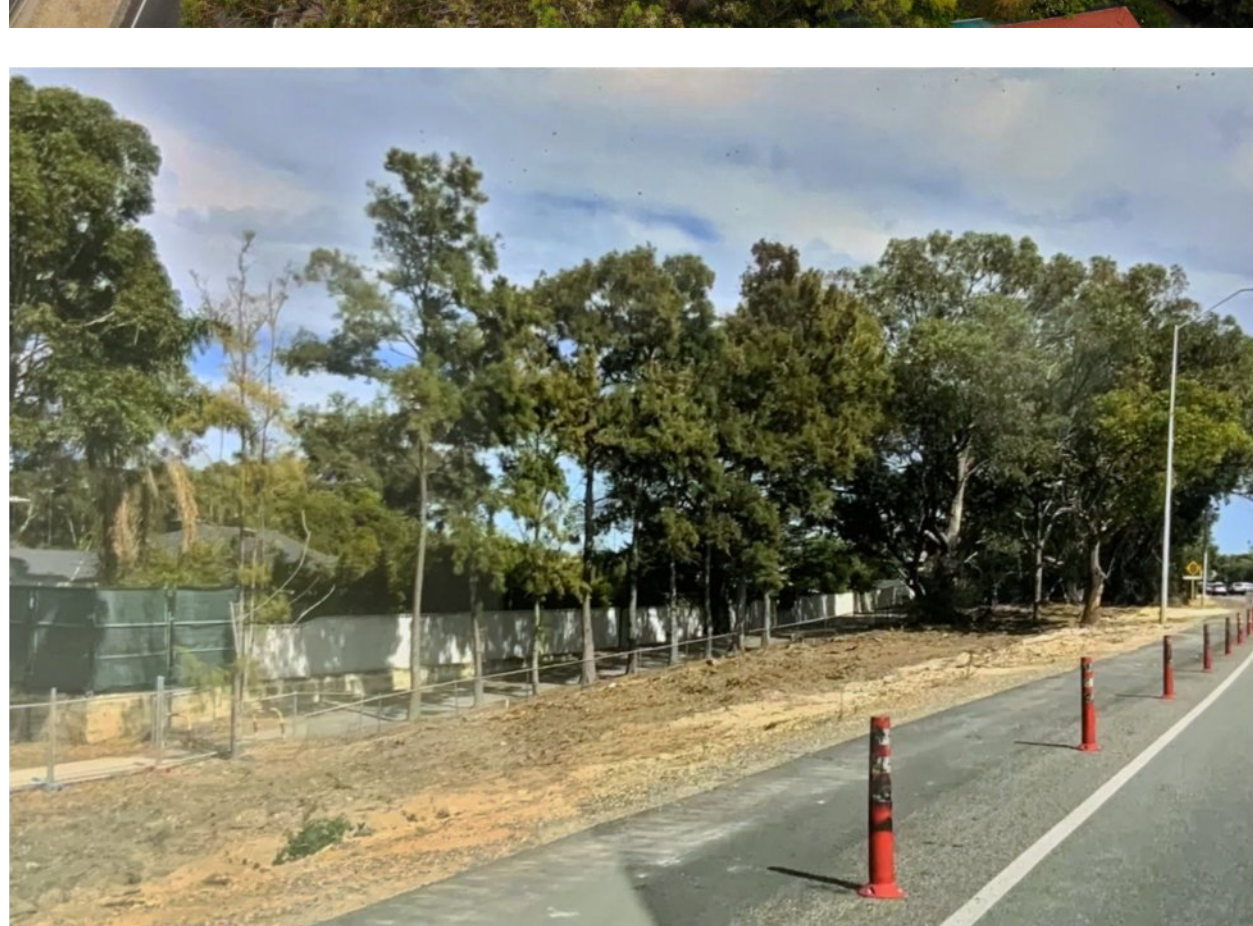
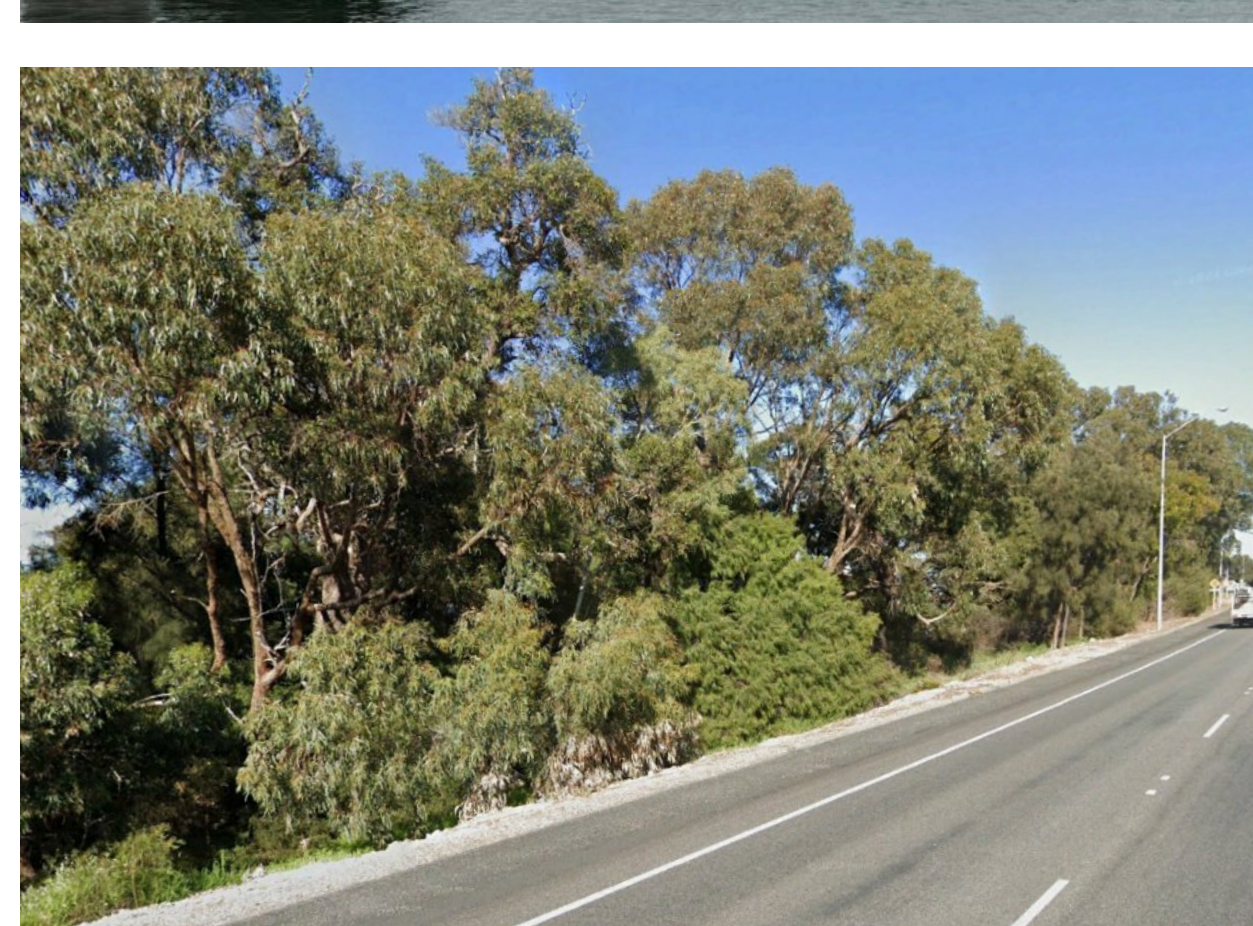
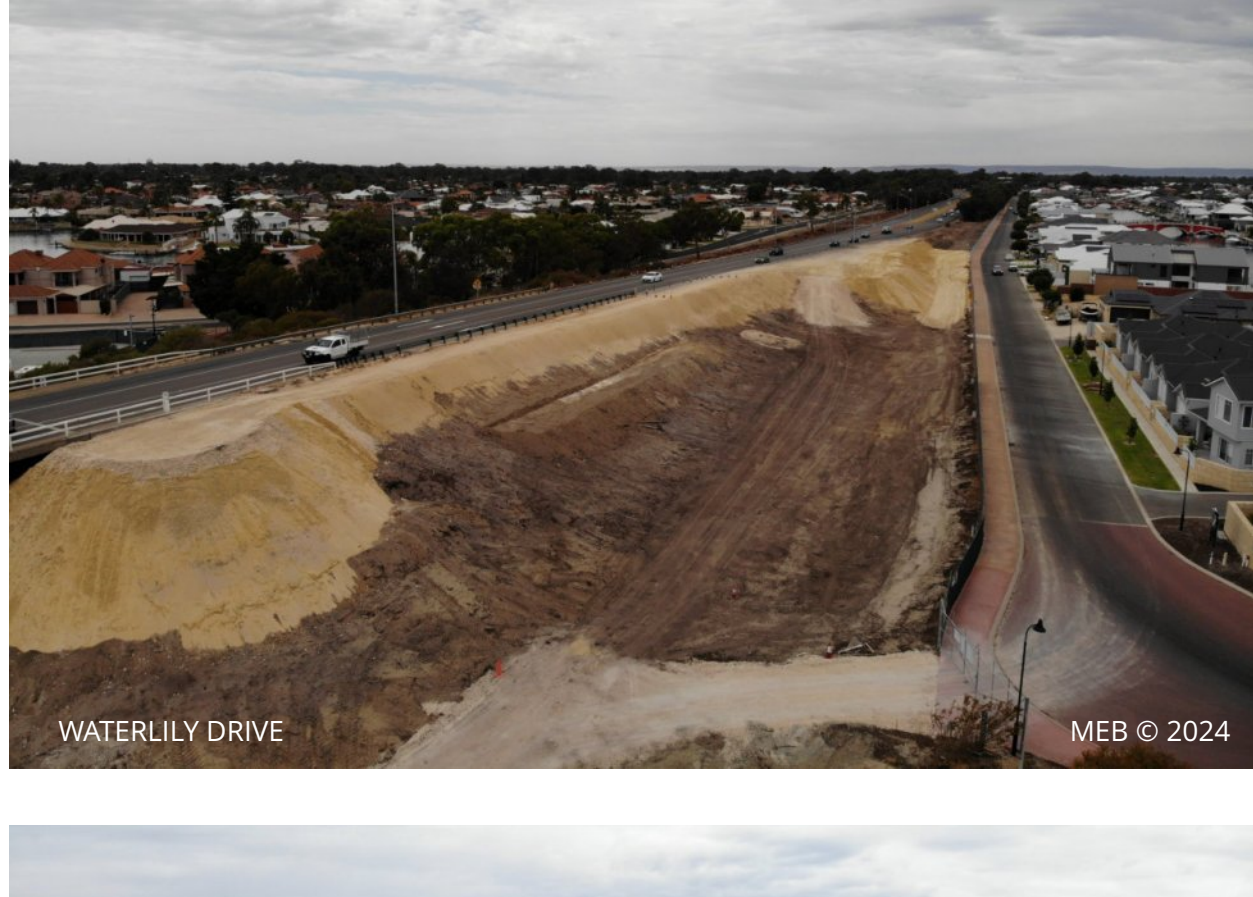
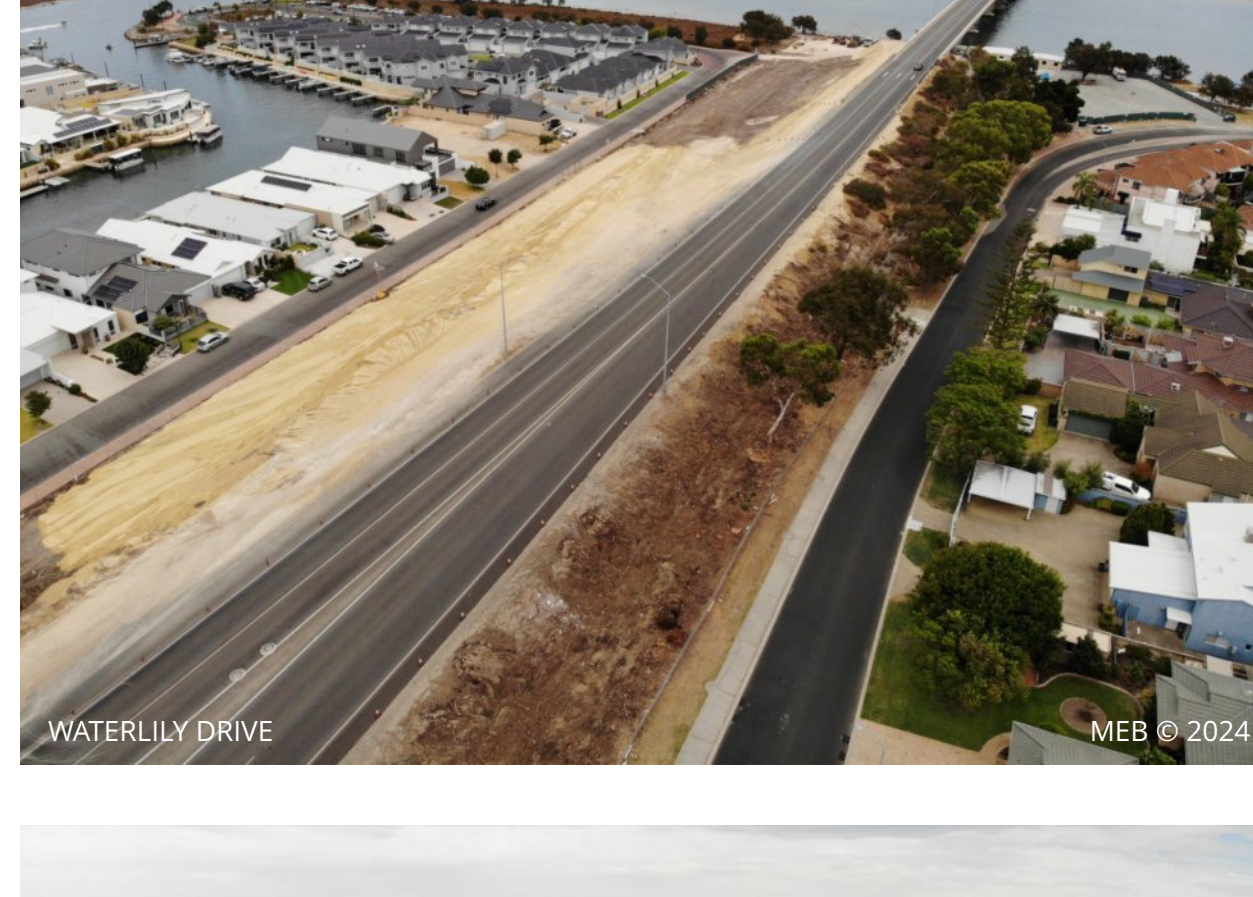
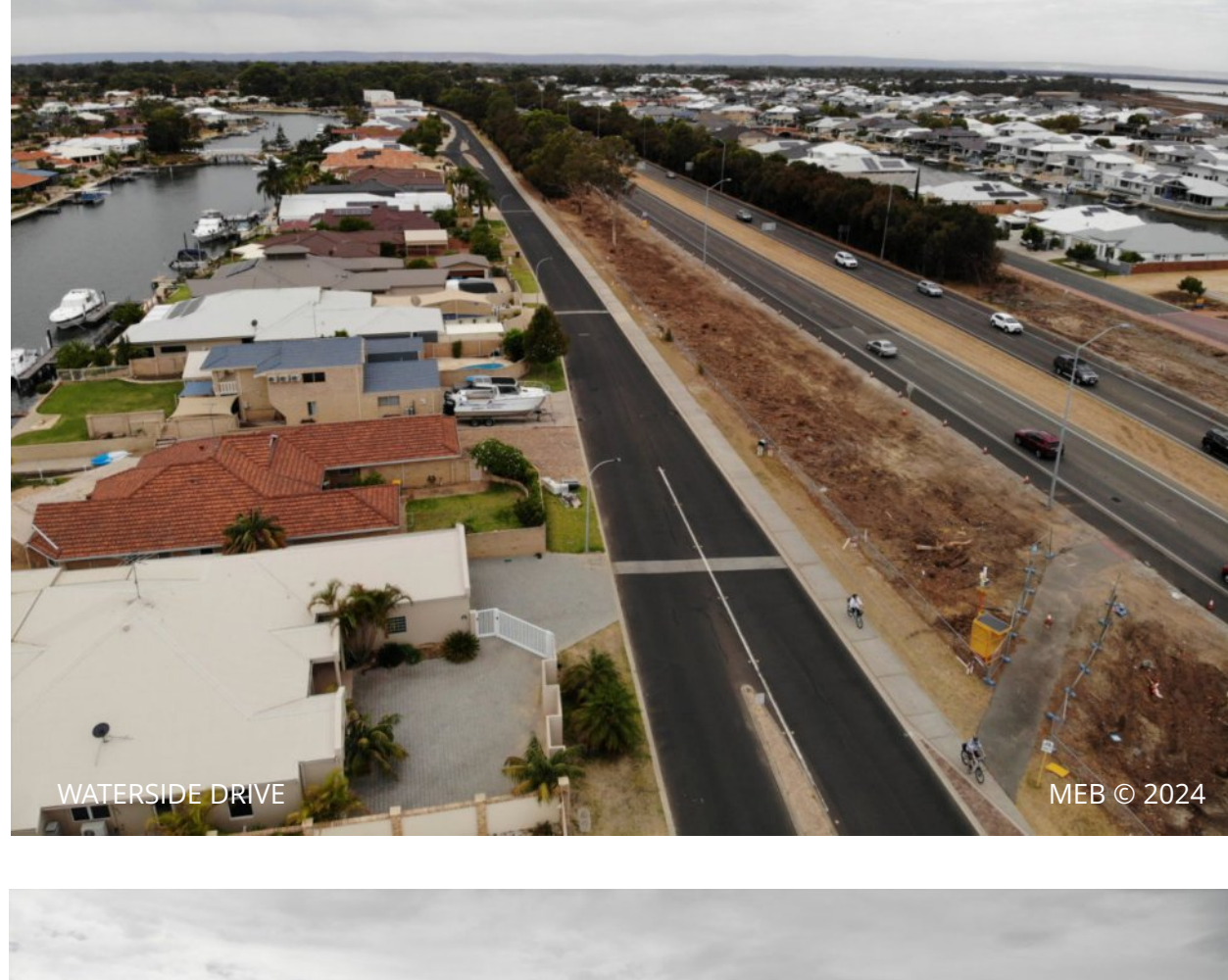
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### Waterston Place

Large scale tree clearance along Mandurah Road in preparation for a 6 meter retaining wall, extra lane and headlights 24 hours a day.

Yet there is no noise mitigation planned for this area as its 'Outside the Project Scope' according to Main Roads.

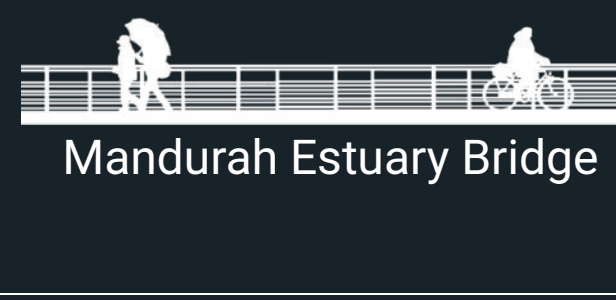
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### Issues with Gates on Waterside Drive

Removal of windbreak means some residents gates no longer close properly



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