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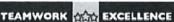
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Attachments:

Media Release - Jefferys Track upgrade to undergo feasibility study and ....pdf

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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

**EMBARGOED 24 JULY 2020** 

# Jefferys Track upgrade to undergo feasibility study and community consultation

The Tasmanian Government has funded a feasibility study for the upgrade of Jefferys Track, which runs from Crabtree in the Huon Valley area to Lachlan in the Derwent Valley. The feasibility study will be led by the Huon Valley Council in collaboration with the Derwent Valley Council.

A transport link between the Huon and Derwent Valleys has potential to bring significant business, leisure and social benefits for our communities. In addition, the current state of Jefferys Track is problematic as it is impassable in places. A decision needs to be made on whether to maintain or upgrade the route, and whether it is a viable option to link the Valleys.

Deloitte Access Economics has been engaged to undertake consultation with key stakeholders and to deliver a cost-benefit analysis of options for upgrading Jefferys Track. Engineers GHD have also been engaged to identify and provide cost estimates of options for possible routes and road types.

Community and industry consultation will take place in the second half of 2020. The aim of the consultation is to:

- Communicate and seek feedback on the possibility of development of Jefferys Track
- Understand community and industry opinions, concerns and ideas related to the possibility of development of the track
- Ascertain potential traffic flows
- Identify the costs and benefits of the potential development

Following some initial industry consultation, local communities will be invited to have input. Consultation for both stakeholder groups will include a series of interviews, workshops, public meetings, and an online survey.

Derwent Valley Mayor Ben Shaw said that Derwent Valley Council supports the feasibility study with a strong focus on the consultation process.





"It would be fantastic to have better and easier access and a connection between the Huon and Derwent Valleys but we must make sure the industry stakeholders and communities at both ends are well-informed and have the opportunity for feedback and input along the way.

"It's really exciting to imagine what could possibly be achieved, but if anything is to come of it, it's vital that it's done in a careful and considered way," he said.

If you wish to be part of the consultation please contact Deloitte Access Economics on (03) 9667 5040 or jefferystrackconsult@deloitte.com.au to register your interest. Opportunities will also be communicated through the usual council channels.

"The consultation is an important opportunity to listen what our communities say about the proposed upgrade, and to find out what the key issues are," said Huon Valley Council Acting Mayor Sally Doyle. "Councillors will consider the results of the consultation together with all aspects of the potential upgrade which will be covered in the feasibility study, such as construction costs and routes, and impacts on adjoining landowners.

"Access to Jefferys Track involves travelling through Crabtree, which has many residential and farming properties. Increased traffic is a concern that will be addressed in the study and will be an important consideration for both Councils.

"We thank the Tasmanian Government for funding the study and providing us with the opportunity to thoroughly investigate potential options for track."

At this stage, no decisions have been made about the future of Jefferys Track. If the feasibility assessment is positive and both Councils agree to proceed with the upgrade, the next steps will involve more community consultation and the completion of a detailed route analysis and environmental studies.

For more information: Acting Mayor Sally Doyle (03) 6264 0300

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Tuesday, 11 August 2020 6:38 PM

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Sent: Tuesday 11 August 2020 12:21 PM

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Forgot to include the traffic data for the Huon Highway that I mentioned.

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AADT by month

month	AADT
2019-01	10474
2019-02	10541
2019-03	10905
2019-04	9938
2019-05	9958
2019-06	9534
2019-07	9585
2019-08	9554
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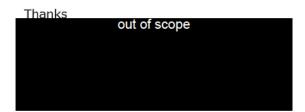
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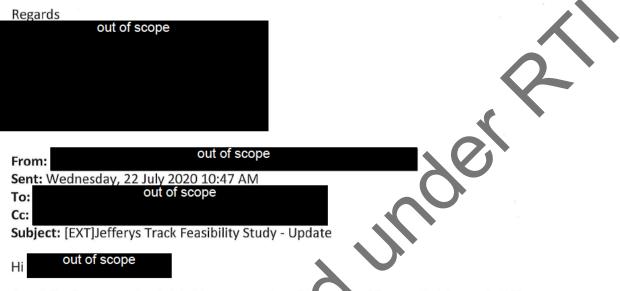
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We're pretty focussed on the community and industry consultation parts of the project for the next week or so – but no doubt will be in touch after that about the details here.

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Hi Emily,

Further to our discussions last week, as advised while we could build the road in the model and it would process it, the outputs would be indicative at best but more likely misleading.

State Road's data analyst, out of scope provided me with the advice below earlier this month. scop is happy for you to the his advice and is comfortable with you contacting him directly to gain a better understanding of the modelling that we might be above to provide can also provide information regarding travel times.

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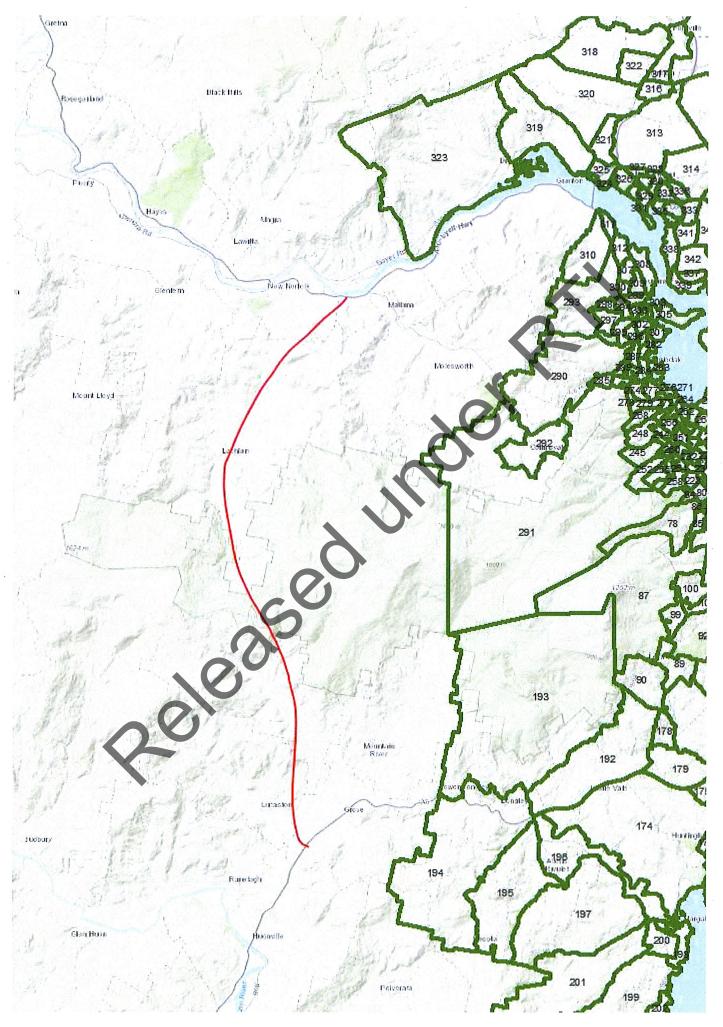
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Subject: RE: Jefferys Track Feasibility Study - Update

# Hi out of scope

My understanding of Jeffries Track is that it follows an alignment somewhere in the vicinity of the red line I've drawn below:



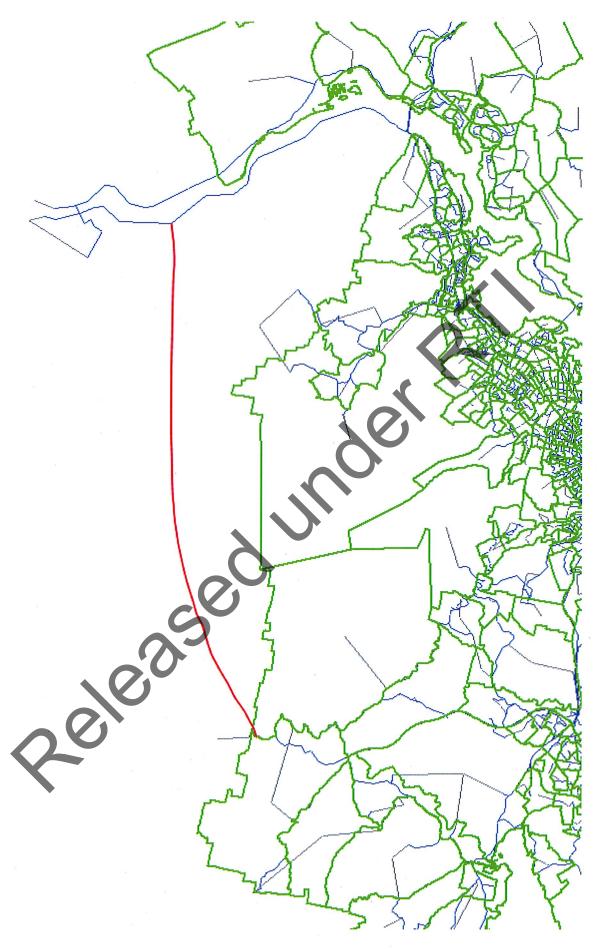


The Greater Hobart Urban Travel Demand Model operates within the extents of the green areas outlined in the drawing above.

As you can see, this new bypass alignment would be outside the extents of the model. We can only give the modelling statistics requested within the model bounds.

It could be possible to add the bypass in to see its effects (something like the red line below), but I don't know that the model calibrates particularly well at the New Norfolk end (it's out of the model bounds so we haven't specifically calibrated it).





The other point to make is that the module that deals with freight/ commercial vehicles in the model is relatively simplistic. I'd have to look into it a bit further, but I'm not sure how well it would perform at looking at any specific changes/ benefits for a freight bypass.

The question "What would be required for there to be an impact on Hobart traffic congestion?" is very open and I'm not sure exactly the type of answer they're after here?

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Jeffery's Track - Crash Data Request

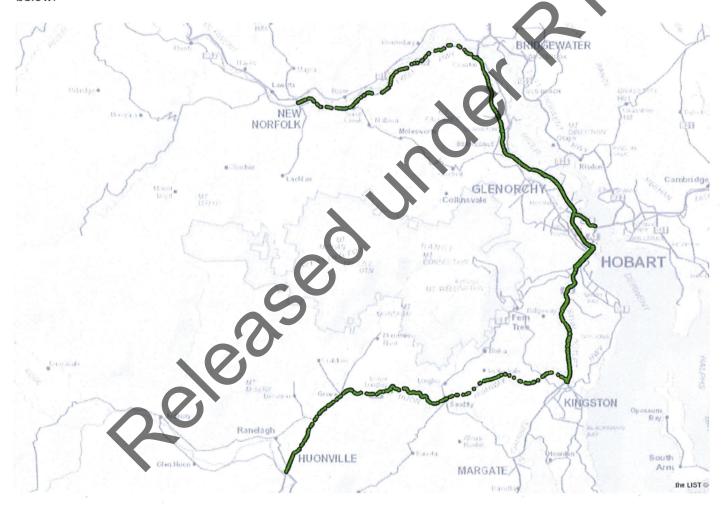
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Jefferys Track Feasibility Study - Crash Data - 2009-2020-.xlsx

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out of scope has requested, on your behalf, crash data relating to the project looking at the feasibility of upgrading Jeffery's Track

The data covers the 10-year period from 2009 and includes all crashes recorded on the roads highlighted in the map below.



I trust this will assist in your study. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Regards,

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Jeffery's Track update

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Thanks for getting in touch with us re: the media release. It's is fine to go out from our perspective.

Regarding your question about how to handle future media enquiries/releases, we suggest the following:

In general where Government has funded a third party through a grant deed to deliver a project, there is a fairly clear distinction about who answers what (noting that Government would expect to be kept in the loop with media - particularly anything proactive, to ensure a no surprises approach).

Any questions relating to the funding or why Government has provided that funding would be referred to Government.

Any questions about the project that Council is delivering (including the specific operational detail of it, and anything related to consultants or contractors that Council has engaged) would be responded by Council, but we would expect to receive for awareness.

Any response that refers to the Government or Department and Yor of a strategic nature needs to be provided to us in advance for fact checking and alignment with Govt messaging.

So, for something like today's release, we would have no problem if you handle it and simply keep us in the loop.

Feel free to get back to me if you want to discus

Regards

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