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Dear Operator

Please be advised of the following updates to approved heavy vehicle access routes in South Australia, as published to the [RAVnet](https://ravnet.sa.gov.au) website and effective **27 October 2023**:  
Please direct any queries regarding these route changes to [dit.roadfreightnetworks@sa.gov.au](mailto:dit.roadfreightnetworks@sa.gov.au) in the first instance.

## 1. ROUTE UPDATES TO PUBLISHED NETWORKS

ROAD MANAGER	CHANGE	DESCRIPTION	RESTRICTIONS / COMMENTS
DIT	Provide further access to the following networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36.5m Road Train (GML/HML)</li> <li>PBS Level 3A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wimmera Highway</b>, between Carters Road NARACOORTE and the South Australia / Victoria border</li> </ul>	No Conditions or Restrictions
DIT	Provide further access to the following networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>25m Vehicle Carrier (GML/HML)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Smith Street</b>, NARACOORTE</li> <li><b>Wimmera Highway</b>, between Smith Street and the South Australia / Victoria border</li> </ul>	No Conditions or Restrictions
DIT	Provide further access to the following networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30m Road Train (GML/HML)</li> <li>PBS Level 2B</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thiele Highway</b>, between Murraylands Road, MORGAN and Truro Road, KAPUNDA (Thiele Highway known as Morgan Road and South Terrace in EUDUNDA</li> <li><b>Worlds End Highway</b>, between Three Chain Road EUDUNDA and Goyder Highway, WORLDS END (South East of BURRA – Worlds End Highway known as Main Road and Commercial Street in <b>ROBERTSTOWN</b>)</li> </ul>	No Left Turn from Murraylands Road onto Thiele Highway, no Right Turn from Thiele Highway onto Murraylands Road
DIT	Provide further access to the following	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Thiele Highway</b>, between Truro Road, KAPUNDA and</li> </ul>	No Conditions or Restrictions

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	<p>networks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 36.5m Road Train (GML/HML)</li><li>• PBS Level 3A</li></ul>	Twin Creek Road, BAGOT WELL	<b>Note:</b> Access between Huddleston Road and GLADSTONE may be granted through a permit issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), subject to the vehicle operator obtaining clearance from the rail owner to access the rail crossing north of Huddleston Road.
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### 2. HAHNDORF MAIN STREET SEMI-TRAILER AND TRUCK RESTRICTIONS

#### Hahndorf Main Street Semi-Trailer and Truck Restrictions

From Monday 30, October 2023, trucks over 15 metres in length will not be permitted to drive through the township of Hahndorf except to make deliveries or pick-ups from local businesses.

Signage has been installed at major entry points to Hahndorf and advance warning signage along the broader road network to advise of this change.

This regulatory restriction has also been published to existing 19 metres Higher Mass Limits (HML) and PBS Level 1A Restricted Access Vehicle networks on the RAVnet website and is enforceable via the ARR 104(2).

Multiple alternative routes are available for truck drivers to use depending on their origin and destination. Truck drivers may choose to go around Hahndorf via Strathalbyn Road, Onkaparinga Valley Road, Flaxley Road, Junction Road, River Road, Mount Barker Road or via the South Eastern Freeway, for example.

This regulatory solution is complementary to other traffic measures being delivered by the Department for Infrastructure and Transport in the surrounding area including the creation of a full interchange at Verdun and a major upgrade at the Mount Barker Interchange.

Improvements to River Road including shoulder sealing and tree trimming, along with intersection improvements at Kangaroo Reef Road, Sawmill Gully Road and Fairview Road, and improvements along Strathalbyn Road, at the Strathalbyn Road/River Road and Mount Barker Road/River Road junctions are also planned.

The restriction will be monitored to assess its impact, and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport will continue to consider longer-term solutions to broader

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traffic issues in Hahndorf.

### 3. REMINDER: OPERATORS TO OBTAIN THIRD PARTY CLEARANCE

Third Party entities may need to be consulted for some restricted access vehicle movements, subject to length, width and / or height of the vehicle and its load. Third party consents that are often required include the following –

(a) utilities: restricted access vehicles may have adverse effects on overhead utilities infrastructure such as telecommunications/power lines. Required consents include:

- a. [SA Power Networks](#) must grant consent to travel any route where the height of a vehicle and / or its load exceeds **4.6 metres**. A permit is required whether you are operating under a Notice or an access Permit, as wire heights can change.
- b. Telstra and Optus require clearances where the height of a vehicle and / or its load exceeds **4.3 metres** when operating under a Notice or an access Permit.

(b) rail infrastructure managers: the movement of restricted access heavy vehicles across level crossings or near rail infrastructure may create risks that need to be managed. Rail crossing restrictions applied to published networks are displayed on applicable networks on the department's RAVnet website.

(c) police, especially with respect to the movement of oversize vehicles, due to the potential risks to other road users and possible need for police assistance to control traffic. Refer to the [Escorting Guidelines](#) for further information.

Refer to the NHVR website for [third party contact details](#).

### 4. REFRESH YOUR STEEP DESCENT KNOWLEDGE. KEEP THE SOUTH EASTERN FREEWAY SAFE

The South Eastern Freeway, on the approach to Adelaide, ends in a 7km continuous steep downhill descent before arriving at a major intersection.

Before you descend the South Eastern Freeway, remind yourself how to do it safely. Just one truck or bus driver making a mistake, or not realising they need a safety refresher, could cost multiple lives.

All truck and bus drivers must:

- engage low gear at Crafers and remain in this gear to the bottom of the South Eastern Freeway;
- reduce speed to a maximum 60 km/h, unless otherwise signed at a lower speed or your load requires a slower speed, from Crafers to the bottom of the South

Eastern Freeway; and

- stay in the left lane between Crafers and the Measdays Bridge.

If you find yourself travelling too fast or have any doubts about arriving safely at the major intersection at the end, always use a safety ramp. The Department does not charge a fee, and even covers the costs of towing heavy vehicles out of the safety ramps.

Find all advice, rules and a map showing safety ramp locations at [dit.sa.gov.au/SEFreewaySafety](https://dit.sa.gov.au/SEFreewaySafety)



## 5. REMINDER: OPERATORS NEED TO CHECK YOUR ROUTE BEFORE EACH JOURNEY

The Department reminds operators to check your proposed route prior to commencing any journey. Details of ongoing road maintenance and other road infrastructure works across South Australia are published as maps and alphabetical lists of locations on the Department's [Addinsight app](#) and the [TrafficSA website](#).

A map that provides locations and clearances on and under Departmental structures on state-maintained roads can be accessed [here](#) and should be referenced for any journey involving a high load.

For all roadworks, delays may be experienced so please plan ahead. Operators are reminded to always make use of the above tools, to make sure your journey is as smooth as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

For further information regarding South Australian infrastructure projects, please contact the Department's project management team per below:

### **DIT Project Team**

Tel: 1300 794 880

E: [DIT.CommunityRelations@sa.gov.au](mailto:DIT.CommunityRelations@sa.gov.au)

Where works impact on holders of permits issued by the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR), please contact the Department's Road Access Unit on **1300 310 505** for clarification or more information.

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