

Freight Highway Upgrade Program (Dukes Highway)

Keith Rest Area Pavement Works and temporary closure

The Australian and South Australian governments have committed \$500 million (80:20) over the next 10 years to improve the safety and reliability of national freight routes. This includes the upgrade of three major highways in South Australia.

More than 3,200 heavy vehicles a day use the Stuart, Augusta and Dukes highways, which are vital transport corridors for freight crossing the nation. About half of those vehicles are B-doubles and road trains. The upgrades will also improve freight productivity by reducing travel times for the delivery of goods to businesses and the community, as well as reducing operating costs for commercial vehicles.

Works to upgrade the bitumen surface are required within the rest area located west of Keith, along the Dukes Highway (southbound).

What to expect

Works are scheduled to commence from **Monday, 16 October 2023** and will be **undertaken between the hours of 5am to 7pm, Monday to Friday**. Works are expected to be **completed in late October 2023**, weather permitting.

To safely facilitate these works, this rest area will be temporarily closed for the duration of the works including outside of working hours (see map below). Alternative southbound rest areas are located 15km north of Keith (south of Coombe) and 14km south of Keith (south of Brimbago). Additionally, the rest area is available for use on the opposite side of Dukes Highway (northbound).

While works are underway, speed and lane restrictions will be in place in the vicinity of the works as required. Please follow the directions of onsite traffic controllers and observe traffic signage when travelling through the area. Please plan ahead, allow extra travel time and take extra care when workers are on site.

Access will be maintained for emergency services vehicles at all times. Access to properties and businesses along Dukes Highway will also be maintained during the works, with advance notice provided if there is a need to restrict access temporarily.

Some noise disturbance can be expected at times while these works are completed, however the work will be managed to minimise disturbance as much as practically possible.

You may also notice some odour, which is common when asphaltting works are underway.

The Department appreciates your cooperation and patience while these important works are undertaken.

Further information

If you have any questions or would like to speak to a member of the project team, please:

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