



- The cycle path planned on the western side of Henley Brook Avenue is an important and major linking cycle route on the City's long term cycle network.

While typically the Other Regional Roads (i.e., blue roads) are the responsibility of local governments for design, funding, and construction, the State Government has been working closely with the City regarding Henley Brook Avenue. It was the State Government, through the Department of Planning, that commissioned a consultant to conduct the initial design of the road and consider its implications, first in 2006 and again in 2013. Over the years, the State Government has also been acquiring land along the corridor for the future construction of the road.

Due to the scale of the project (9 km in overall length), funding availability, land ownership, and various constraints, the project is staged over several financial years. The first stage was completed in the 2020/21 financial year and included the construction of a second carriageway between Millhouse Road and Fortescue Place. The second stage was completed in the 2021/22 financial year, which involved the construction of the second carriageway from Fortescue Place to Gnangara Road. In 2022/23, the City upgraded the roundabout at the Henley Brook Avenue/Gnangara Road intersection from a single carriageway to a dual carriageway. The works also included the duplication of Henley Brook Avenue up to approximately 300 metres south of the Gnangara Road roundabout.

The City is currently in the next stage of the extension of Henley Brook Avenue (Stage 3), which will see Henley Brook Avenue constructed up to Park Street, including a new roundabout at the intersection of Henley Street and Park Street.

The project has received grant funding from the State Government through the Metropolitan Regional Road Group (MRRG) Improvement Program and the City is responsible for delivering the project and utilising the grant funding.

### **Clearing Permit Application**

This clearing permit application relates to Stage 3C (between 15 Brooklands Drive and the southern end of Park Street), where the City is planning to undertake construction commencing in July 2026. The City has previously received clearing permit approval for Stage 3B (Ref: CPS 10340/1). This application applies only to the Stage 3C works and does not overlap with any previously approved clearing areas.

The City has commissioned PGV Environmental to undertake an Environmental Assessment and prepare a Construction Environmental Management Plan to support this application. These assessments identified that the vegetation within the Stage 3C application area is largely in a Completely Degraded condition and includes areas of black cockatoo foraging habitat. Limited potential breeding habitat has also been identified within the Stage 3C area, including a single Marri tree.

Avoidance and mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project design where practicable. This includes specific design responses to retain the Marri tree, such as the use of a retaining wall to avoid battering in this location. Further mitigation measures are detailed in the attached Construction Environmental Management Plan.

Unfortunately, there is no feasible option to shift the road alignment either west or east, as the road reserve corridor has been designated since 1994 and is constrained by existing properties. Additionally, any shift to the east would encroach into the Swan Valley Planning Area. Any modification to the road reserve would require State Government approval. Therefore, impacts to native vegetation and black cockatoo habitat are considered unavoidable.

However, the City will seek to avoid clearing trees wherever possible and will only remove those that are absolutely unavoidable. For example, trees located at the edges of the roadworks may be able to be retained, and the City will make every effort to preserve vegetation at the outer limits of the works.

The City also commits to undertaking the required offset planting, with planting to be established along verges, median strips, roundabouts, and/or within the proposed drainage basin along the Henley Brook Avenue road reserve. Species selected will provide suitable habitat for black cockatoos.

The attached documentation addresses the clearing principles and demonstrates that the proposed clearing is necessary for the delivery of essential road infrastructure and that impacts have been avoided and minimised where practicable.

Attachments provided as part of this application include:

- Purpose Clearing Permit Application Form
- An aerial photograph and/or map with a north arrow that clearly shows the areas of vegetation for proposed clearing
- Environmental Assessment – Henley Brook Avenue Extension Stage 3C (PGV Environmental, July 2025)
- Construction Environmental Management Plan (PGV Environmental, July 2025)
- Minute from Pre Application meeting with DWER held on 8 August 2025
- Landowner authority letter
- Proof of land ownership
- Application fee payment confirmation

Should you require any further information to support the assessment of this application, please contact

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