

## 11.3 Infrastructure Services

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Attachment 1 – Draft Basis of Agreement

## **DRAFT BASIS OF AGREEMENT**

# **HANDOVER OF A PORTION OF THE FORMER BUSSELL HIGHWAY BETWEEN MARGARET RIVER NORTH ROTARY AND MARGARET RIVER SOUTH ROTARY THROUGH THE MARGARET RIVER TOWNSITE ('Old Bussell Highway')] TO THE SHIRE OF AUGUSTA MARGARET RIVER**

### **Parties to the Agreement:**

Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA)

South West Region  
Robertson Drive Bunbury  
PO Box 5010  
Bunbury WA 6231  
AND

Shire of Augusta Margaret River  
41 Wallcliffe Road  
PO Box 61  
Margaret River WA 6285

### **RECITALS:**

- A. WHEREAS MRWA agrees to deproclaim the portion of the former Bussell Highway ('Old Bussell Highway') between Margaret River North Rotary and Margaret River South Rotary through the Margaret River townsite and to transfer responsibility for the road to the Shire of Augusta Margaret River.
  
- B. WHEREAS the Shire agrees to accept the transfer of the portion of the former Bussell Highway ('Old Bussell Highway') between Margaret River North Rotary and Margaret River South Rotary through the Margaret River townsite from MRWA and for the road to be designated a local road for which the Local Government will take responsibility.

### **Background**

Margaret River is an internationally renowned tourist destination known for its wine, food, beaches and landscape. Prior to the construction of the road now known as 'Perimeter Road', the Margaret River townsite was dissected by Bussell Highway, a heavy haulage route. Construction of a perimeter road to improve pedestrian safety and amenity within the townsite had been planned for some time.

In 2015, the southern portion of the then-named 'Margaret River Perimeter Road', between Bussell Highway and Rosa Brook Road, was constructed. Recently the second stage, between Rosa Brook Road and the northern connection to Bussell Highway, was completed. Construction of the whole route now enables heavy vehicles to bypass the Margaret River

townsite, improving pedestrian amenity. Following completion of Perimeter Road, the section of the former Bussell Highway through the Margaret River townsite (now known as ‘Old Bussell Highway’) is no longer required by Main Roads as a State road.

The former Bussell Highway (‘Old Bussell Highway’) will be deproclaimed as ‘Highway’ and will revert to a local road, under the care, control and management of the Shire of Augusta Margaret River. Perimeter Road will be proclaimed as a ‘Highway’ and will form part of the State network.

**Location of the former Bussell Highway** (‘Old Bussell Highway’):

The portion of the former Bussell Highway commences from south of the Margaret River North Rotary, through the Margaret River townsite, finishing at the Margaret River South Rotary, as depicted in photograph below.



**Functions of the former Bussell Highway** ('Old Bussell Highway') :

The former Bussell Highway was previously a heavy haulage route; however, it now forms a tourist and commuter route through the town of Margaret River.

**Agreed conditions relating to the handover of the road:**

Recent assessments of the condition of the road and discussions between MRWA and the Local Government on the current and forecasted significance of the former Bussell Highway ('Old Bussell Highway') have resulted in agreement between the parties for the following works to be undertaken:

MRWA agrees that it will:

1. Transfer to the Shire a sum of \$1,000,000 in respect of all costs and obligations to bring the road up to an appropriate standard for Deproclamation.
2. Complete maintenance works programmed for the Margaret River bridge in 2019-20.
3. Provide the services of a routine maintenance crew for up to five days to address any immediate repairs required.
4. Separately fund and arrange upgrading of street lighting at Boodjidup Road roundabout to enable Western Power to take over management of the streetlights.
5. Provide ongoing support to the Shire for management of the Margaret River bridge, including scheduled inspections, load ratings and technical assistance.

It is agreed that transfer of responsibility for the road will be at midnight on 6 April 2020. It is agreed that transfer of responsibility will in no way negate the agreed works and/or funding as stated above.

Signed this date ..../..../.....

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Chief Executive Officer  
[Shire of Augusta Margaret River

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Regional Manager  
South Western Region