



## Factsheet: Tree removal – Mulgoa Road, Jamisontown upgrade

The Australian and NSW Governments are planning to widen and upgrade Mulgoa Road / Castlereagh Road to support current and future traffic demands and expected growth in the area. This includes \$100 million to fast-track the first stage of the corridor upgrade between Jeanette Street, Regentville and Blaikie Road, Jamisontown.



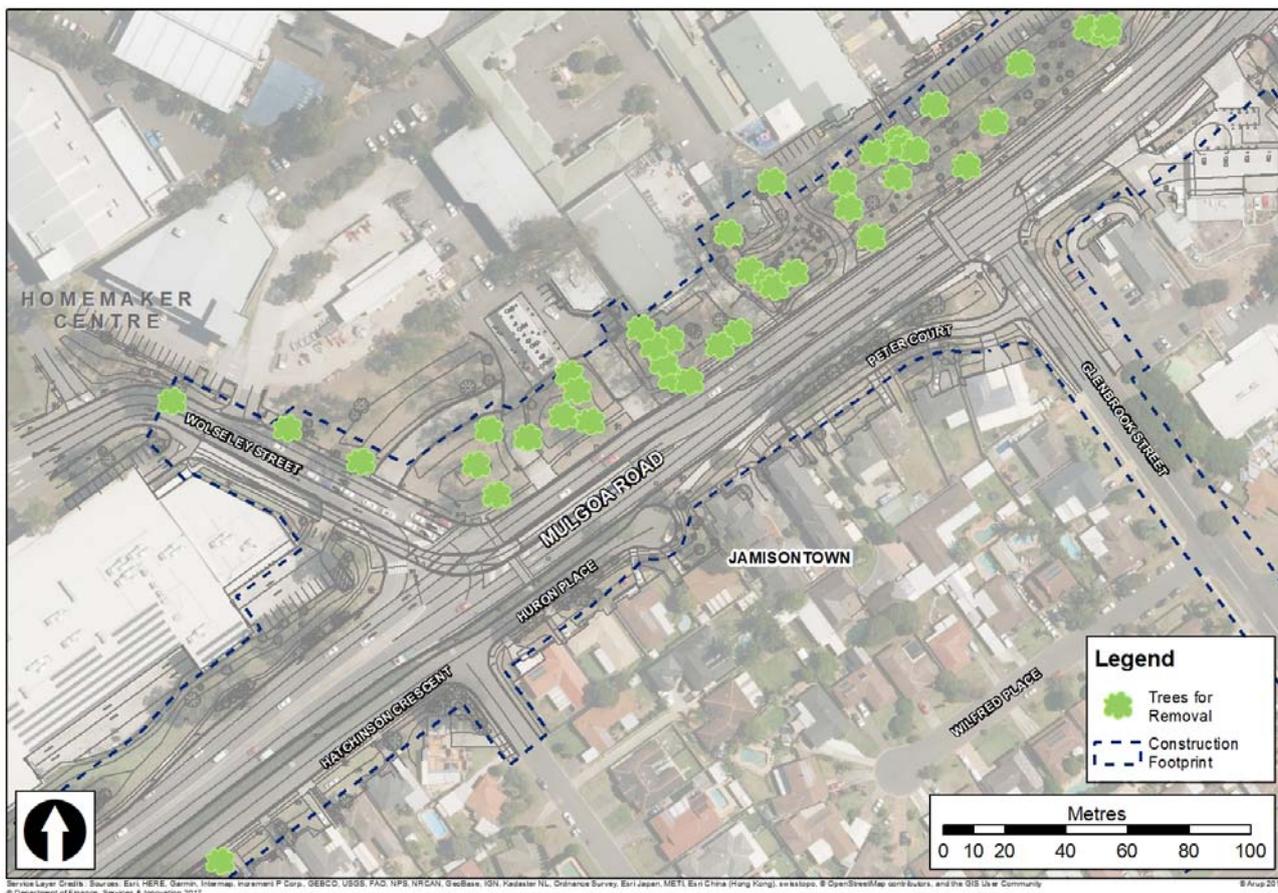
*Image of Mulgoa Road, Jamisontown*

Roads and Maritime Services propose to widen Mulgoa Road between Jeanette Street to Blaikie Road from two lanes to three lanes in each direction. Under the current concept design shown in the Review of Environmental Factors (REF), it is proposed the majority of trees between Wolseley Street and Blaikie Road on the western side of the road would need to be removed so Mulgoa Road can be widened – see the map over the page.

However, the design will be refined under the guidance of an arborist. They will develop solutions to reduce tree loss to ensure the design is sensitive to the local amenity. This would include landscape planting and urban design treatments.

## ***The trees are Red Gums, not Grey Gums***

Roads and Maritime carried out ecological surveys of the flora and fauna during September 2017 and March 2018. These surveys found the trees between Wolseley Street and Blaikie Road – outside of the Grey Gums Hotel – are red gums. These red gums are in poor condition compared to other red gum forests in the area.



## ***Widening Mulgoa Road***

Unfortunately, it is not possible to widen Mulgoa Road from two lanes to three lanes in each direction without removing trees between Wolseley Street and Blaikie Road and some other vegetation along the corridor. We appreciate and understand the community's strong sentiment towards these trees and the important amenity they provide.

## ***How we will restore amenity***

Roads and Maritime will investigate opportunities to replace vegetation along the corridor in order to return amenity to the community. Your feedback and suggestions will help to develop a strategy to reduce impacts.

For example, land that is left over once the project is finished – called residual land – can be used to plant new trees so this amenity can be restored. Also, Roads and Maritime will work with Council and property owners to replace vegetation where ever practical.

In addition, we will consider replacing the red gum trees that need to be removed between Wolseley Street and Blaikie Road with grey gum trees.

## ***We want to hear from you***

If you have any questions or feedback specifically about the Mulgoa Road upgrade, then please contact the project team on 1800 733 084 or email [mulgoaroadupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mulgoaroadupgrade@rms.nsw.gov.au).

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