

Yarriambiack Shire Council

GYPSUM ROUTE

THIS DOCUMENT IS A PROPOSAL FOR COUNCIL TO INTRODUCE THE PREFERRED GYPSUM TRUCK ROUTE WITHIN THE SHIRE.



Summary

This report seeks approval from the council to adopt the proposed Route for Gypsum Transport within the shire boundary. The action has resulted from no specific travel route for Gypsum transport within the shire and the increased volume of truck movements on council assets, increasing damage on roads that are not specifically designed to take such loads. Gypsum is an essential product used for various purposes in agriculture and other industries, this leads to a designated route becoming essential in the industry's growth and safety of all travels on roads throughout the shire. This has been discussed during community consultations.

Recommendation

The council approves implementing the designated routes for safe transport of Gypsum, leading to less traffic congestion, and resolving several other issues that may arise if alternative routes are used.

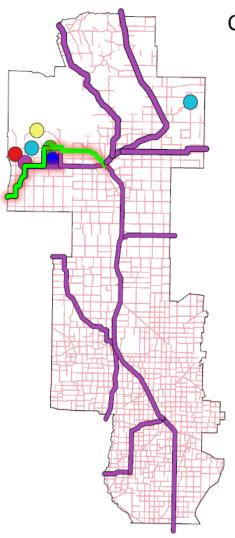
Discussion

During peak seasons, gypsum transport sees increased traffic from contractor trucks and heavy vehicles, heightening risks for road users and the community. The proximity of gypsum and gravel pits in the Northern YSC zone results in a concentration of heavy vehicle activity, increasing risk of accidents, community disruption, infrastructure wear, and other related concerns.

See the attached map for potential routes. Northern traffic typically moves via Hopetoun – Sunraysia, Henty Highway, Woomelang – Sea Lake, and Warracknabeal – Rainbow Road.

Central routes include Birchip-Rainbow Road merging with Henty Highway in Beulah, or Yarriambiack and Hindmarsh via Warracknabeal – Rainbow Road.

Southern drivers are advised to use Henty Highway – Horsham, Murtoa – Minyip, and Rupanyup – Minyip Route, eventually connecting with Henty Highway in Rupanyup or Warracknabeal.



Gypsum Route Map

Gypsum Routes
Return Route
Gypsum Pit Arriving Route

