



Intersection of Bridge Inn, Yan Yean and Doctors Gully roads, Doreen

## YAN YEAN ROAD UPGRADE STAGE 2

# BRIDGE INN ROAD INTERSECTION



## We're upgrading Yan Yean Road to help you get home safer and sooner

### Design journey

In April 2018, we presented the project's initial design to the community. The initial design replaced the roundabout at Bridge Inn Road with traffic lights in the same position. While this option was considered to have the least overall impacts to the local environment and provided optimal traffic and safety standards, it required the removal of the two large River Red Gums on the north-east corner of the intersection.

You told us that the Doreen River Red Gums are important to the local landscape, so we developed alternative options that aimed to retain the two trees but still met similar traffic and safety standards. We also completed detailed impact assessments to understand the impacts of each of those options for Bridge Inn Road.

In May 2020, we asked for your feedback again. This time, on the new design options being considered. You told us that the look and feel of your local area is important to you and contributes to the community identity of Yarrambat and Doreen. You wanted us to upgrade the Bridge Inn Road intersection in a way that would maintain the local character of the area. In particular, you wanted the project to retain two local landmarks near the Bridge Inn Road intersection that you told us were special to the community – the old Doreen Post Office building and the two River Red Gums.

### Preferred design

Your feedback and the results of our technical investigations helped us to refine the design for the Bridge Inn Road intersection. We heard what was important to you and we've decided to progress the design that was presented as Option B during recent community consultation. This design proposes relocating the intersection to the north-east of its current position.

To do this, we'll need to realign sections of Yan Yean Road, Doctors Gully Road and Bridge Inn Road as they approach the new intersection. The Doreen Business Precinct and the businesses on the south-east corner of the intersection will require new access roads to be built to provide safe and easy access.

The preferred design provides several benefits to the community. The design:

- avoids removing the two River Red Gums
- does not impact the old Doreen Post Office building on the south-east corner of the intersection
- provides a safer access arrangement to the Doreen Business Precinct and businesses on the south-east corner of the intersection via new access roads.

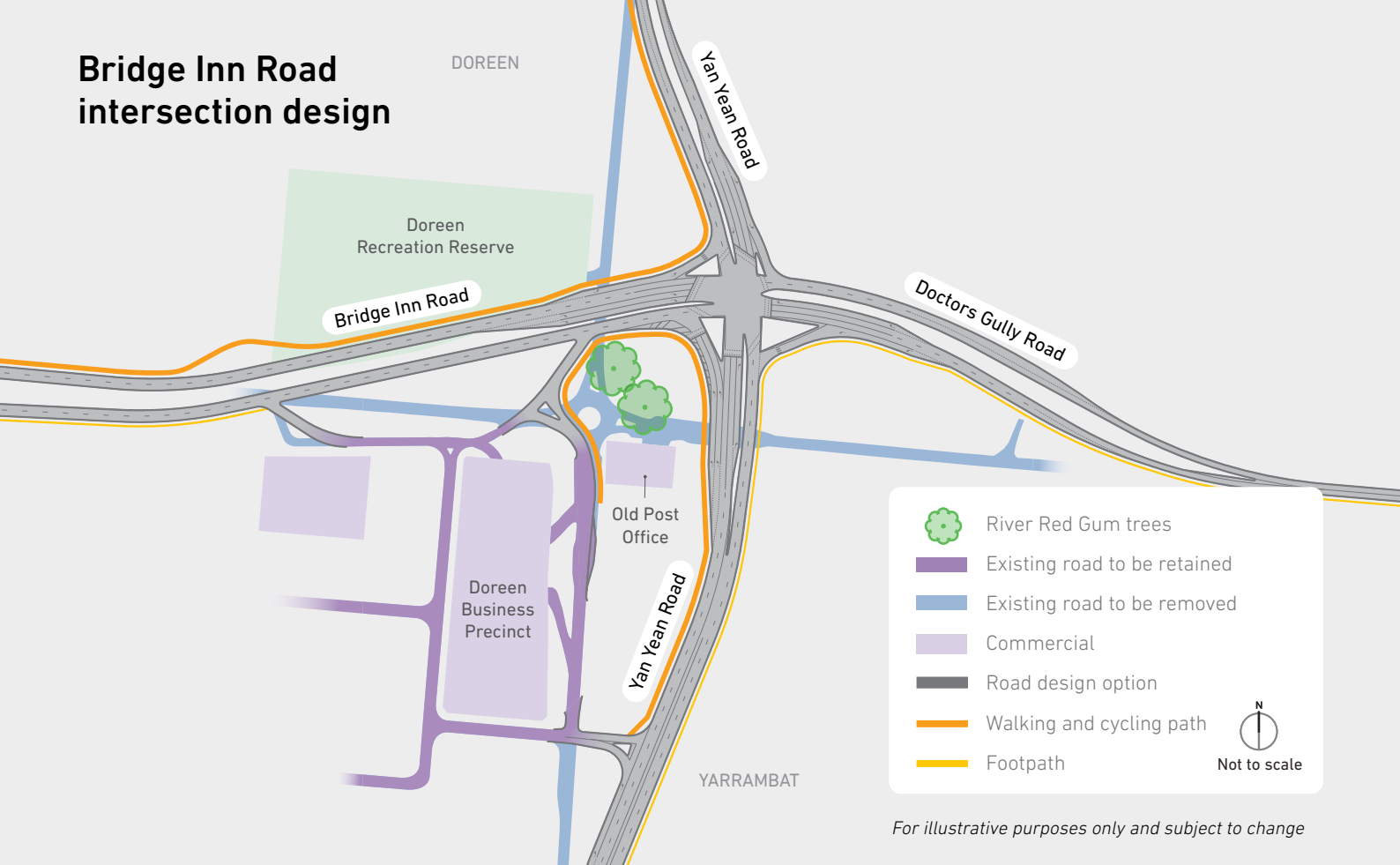


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# Bridge Inn Road intersection design



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## Design progression

- 1 The initial design for the upgraded Bridge Inn Road intersection required the removal of two River Red Gums on the corner of Doctors Gully Road and Yan Yean Road
- 2 Feedback from consultation in 2018 showed strong sentiment to save the trees
- 3 Development of new design options that avoid impacting the two River Red Gums
- 4 Sought community and stakeholder feedback on all design options in May 2020
- 5 Considered feedback received during consultation and submitted the preferred design in the EES documentation for public exhibition.

## Challenges

Unfortunately, there are also some challenges associated with this design. Relocating the intersection to the north-east will:

- require land acquisition from a small number of private properties
- require removal of mature trees on Bridge Inn Road along the Doreen Recreation Reserve.

The project will work closely with council and landowners impacted by the preferred design to support them throughout planning, construction and operation of the upgraded road.

## Have your say

The EES is on display for public comment from 31 August to 9 October 2020. Commenting on the EES gives you a chance to have your views considered in planning approvals decisions for Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2.

You can read the EES online or request a copy on USB.

For more information about the EES process, where to read the document and how to make a submission visit [roadprojects.vic.gov.au/yyr-ees](http://roadprojects.vic.gov.au/yyr-ees).

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