

Granite Island Causeway Project

Aboriginal Heritage

The South Australian Government has committed \$31.1 million in funding towards the Granite Island Causeway Project to be delivered by The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI).

The Causeway is the only link between Granite Island and Victor Harbor and is an area of great cultural significance to the Traditional Owners of the area. The Causeway is also a popular tourist attraction, important to the local, regional and state economies.

The Causeway project aims to capture and highlight the important Aboriginal cultural and heritage values that exist in the area. DPTI recognises the Ngarrindjeri and Others Native Title Determination for this area, and the continuing connection to country that the Ngarrindjeri people have to this area.

It is the intention of the project, that the new Causeway will deliver and enhance the social, environmental and economic benefits to the region.

DPTI is and will continue to engage with the Aboriginal community, their representative bodies, Community Groups and Traditional Owners who have an interest in the area.

DPTI welcomes the opinions and input of the Aboriginal community on this project, and commits to positively engaging with local Aboriginal community and the relevant Aboriginal heritage bodies for the Victor Harbor area and surrounds.

Does the Causeway impact Aboriginal Heritage?

Every effort will be made to avoid any impact to Aboriginal Sites, Objects and Remains as specified in the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988*. DPTI is, and will continue to ensure that Traditional Owners are actively consulted and involved in the process, management, care and protection of their heritage values and the duration of the project.

Aboriginal surveys will be conducted with the Traditional Owners of the area, with the intention of ensuring any relevant Aboriginal heritage sites are identified, and avoided in this project.

Will there be any opportunities for the Aboriginal Community?

In addition, the opinion of the local Aboriginal community will be actively sought to inform the design of the Causeway and the associated public spaces so that the area appropriately reflects the importance of this location to the community. Feedback will be sought through consultation and discussion and the ideas and wishes of the community are welcomed.

DPTI intends to ensure that an employment target is set for the project that ensures the local Aboriginal community will have an opportunities to gain employment on this landmark project. Discussions with the relevant representative bodies has already begun.

To find out more about the project, provide feedback or register to receive project updates, please:

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