

# Project Evaluation Finding

## Princes Highway East Mount Drummer Truck Turnarounds

### Project Description

The Mount Drummer Truck turnarounds on Princes Highway East provide a safe location where freight traffic can be turned around during the event of an emergency and the closure of the highway. The project aimed to increase truck driver safety by reducing the risk to operators when turning around and the risk of driver fatigue by providing a safe place for drivers to rest.

### Output

The project delivered suitable truck turnarounds at two locations- either side of Mount Drummer, at Wingan River and Thurra River to:

- Improve road safety including the risk of driver fatigue
- Increase regional commercial and industrial activity
- Improve transport network efficiency.

### Cost & Duration

The project cost \$1.63 million (completed on budget) however was delivered one month later than planned due to the identification of environmental issues requiring more detailed assessment.

### Working with others

Regional Roads Victoria worked in partnership with stakeholder reference groups consisting of local police, transport and business groups to develop this project.

### Benefits Achieved

Improved road safety for fatigue related crashes

- Data shows a 42% reduction in the crash rate on Princes Highway between Murrungowar and the NSW border
- Data shows a 16% reduction in the crash rate of fatal and serious crashes.
- Data shows a 60% reduction in the crash rate of freight vehicles

Increased regional commercial and industrial activity

- Counts show a 20% increase in heavy vehicles on Princes Highway

- Patronage data shows 29 vehicles stopping at the truck turnarounds on an average weekday.

### More Information

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Figure 1 – Wingan River site (before) source Google Maps



Figure 2 – Wingan River site (after)