The project

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics has been investigating ways to improve road safety and heavy vehicle access to Pinelands and Holtze from the Stuart Highway in response to growth and traffic management challenges in the area.

Following public consultation in 2016 and 2017, a concept design has been prepared by local traffic engineering specialists, Tonkin Consulting. Feedback received from stakeholders during the previous consultation has informed the concept design.

Key features of the proposed solution include:

• introducing a new signalised intersection where the Stuart Highway intersects with Mander Road/McKinnon Road
• closing the median gap on the Stuart Highway opposite to Olive Place and McKinnon Road
• a new local road to link Olive Place and Mander Road in Holtze
• changes to (inbound) Stuart Highway service roads
• provision for turning lanes off the Stuart Highway into Pinelands industrial area, which is frequented by road trains and heavy vehicles.

These changes will significantly improve safety for vehicles and pedestrians crossing the Stuart Highway between Pinelands and Holtze and accommodate future growth in the area.

Concept design benefits

The design aims to:

• improve road safety for heavy vehicles and all road users
• provide more efficient and functional access to Pinelands and Holtze for all vehicles
• address existing road safety concerns about access in and out of Pinelands and Holtze
• upgrade infrastructure to accommodate future growth in the area
• maintain an acceptable level of service for future traffic increases on arterial connecting roads
• respond to the area’s changing economic profile and future land use planning.

How you can get in touch

To provide feedback about the concept design or to find out more please contact True North Strategic Communication via email at feedback@truenorthcomm.com.au or telephone 08 8981 6445
The concept

KEY

Proposed works

Darwin Free Spirit Resort

Palmerston

Traffic lights

Close median gap

Existing traffic lights

Truck stop

Cul de sac

Turning lane

Cul de sac

Deviney Road

Cul de sac

Marjorie Street

Tiger Brennan Drive

Stuart Highway

Darwin

Butler Place

Olive Place

Mander Road

McKinnon Road

Hardy Road

Baban Place

Pinelands

McKinnon Road

Mander Road

Olive Place

Butler Place

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