

Yorke and Mid North Region

Major regional centre: Port Pirie

Population growth in the Yorke and Mid North Region is forecast to increase from 74,400 people in 2011 to around 80,900 people by 2036 (0.3 per cent per annum). However, the region will continue to experience substantial increases in population at particular times of the year as a result of tourism and seasonal employment opportunities.

Growth in the region's agriculture (including horticulture and viticulture), processing and tourism industries will drive future economic development, requiring a responsive transport network that caters for increased freight, tourist and passenger traffic accessing Adelaide and regions to the north and east.

Road network improvements are earmarked for the Augusta and Barrier highways, as well as the Mid North freight route, Main North Road, Wallaroo to Port Wakefield Road and Yorketown Road. Targeted upgrades to other major freight and traffic routes will also be undertaken to support the transfer of grain and mining products. The potential development of slurry pipelines from mines in the Braemar region (towards Broken Hill) in the far north of South Australia to deep-sea loading facilities at Northern Yorke may also trigger substantial investment in the region.

For this region, the Regional Mining and Infrastructure Planning Project identifies a need for access to a bulk commodity export port for the mines in the Braemar sub region in the medium to long term and provision of suitable mine-to-port bulk transport links, also required in the medium to long term. In the shorter term, investigations will be undertaken to determine opportunities to use facilities at the Port Pirie port to support exports from the Braemar cluster. These investigations will complement Nyrstar's significant investment in the transformation of the Pirie smelter into an advanced poly-metallic processing and recovery facility, delivering a step change reduction in emissions and expanding the range of metals that can be processed at the facility.

A proposal to double the size of the existing intermodal facility at Bowmans (near Port Wakefield) to support the movement and transfer of freight traffic to export markets via Port Adelaide is currently being assessed. This would stimulate development in and around Bowmans, providing additional jobs for local residents.

The State Government is working with the Australian Government and local councils to upgrade the terminal at Wallaroo to facilitate heavy vehicle access on the ferry from the Yorke Peninsula to the Eyre Peninsula.

Regional passenger transport services will be improved including better provision of information about services and the State Government will work closely with local councils to facilitate a review of strategically located regional passenger transport services.

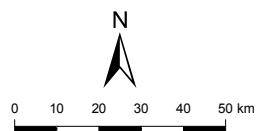
Implementation timeframe	Short	Medium	Long
Public transport – Area-wide solutions			
• Development of a Regional Passenger Transport Plan to address regional accessibility requirements			
• Better information for regional passengers			
• Continued support for regional bus services, eg Port Pirie Provincial Bus Services and integrated passenger services			
Roads			
1. Augusta Highway – road widening, shoulder sealing and overtaking lanes, and potential further capacity improvements including duplication of sections in the longer term			
2. Port Wakefield Bypass			
3. Barrier Highway – shoulder sealing and road widening			
4. Main North Road – road widening, shoulder sealing, intersection upgrades and rest areas			
5. Wallaroo-Port Wakefield Road – road widening, shoulder sealing, overtaking lanes and intersection upgrades			
6. Yorketown Road – road widening, improvements to facilitate the movement of A-Double vehicles			
7. Mid North freight route – road widening and shoulder sealing			
Area-wide solutions			
• Road widening and shoulder sealing targeted at major freight and traffic routes			
• Increase maintenance to improve and sustain the performance of the transport network and make better use of our transport assets			
• Continue to implement the Road Safety Strategy and address road safety blackspot and higher risk locations			
Cycling and walking – Area-wide solutions			
• State Bicycle Fund – work with local councils to develop a regional cycling and walking strategy			
Ports, rail freight and airports			
8. Expansion of the inter-modal facility at Bowmans (between Balaklava and Port Wakefield), and work with private sector to identify last-mile issues for High Productivity Vehicles to access this site from the National Highway			
9. Local government upgrade for heavy vehicle access for the ferry terminal at Wallaroo			
10. Work with private industry to identify deep water port and associated land infrastructure solutions			
11. Work with private industry to investigate upgrade of Port Pirie port			
Local Government			
• Work with local councils to complete local transport strategies to complement land use directions of local development plans, with a focus on freight movements and accessible townships:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road, pedestrian and cycling networks in Port Pirie, Copper Coast townships and other major towns, including rail level crossings on local roads where applicable • Upgrades to support safe and reliable heavy vehicle movements, including last mile access, access to ports, intermodal terminals and freight facilities • Reflect the findings of the Regional Mining and Infrastructure Planning Project • Airport master plan – Port Pirie • Upgrades of boat ramps, jetties and wharfs • Regional cycling networks • Safe and reliable road networks to support tourism and local travel • Work with Local Government to implement the National Airport Safeguarding Framework within council development plans for Port Pirie airport 			

Figure 5-11 Yorke and Mid North Solutions

Data source: Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

Solutions identified on this map may be subject to further intensive investigations and may vary as a result.

- Road improvements
- Rail freight, ports, airports and intermodal improvements
- Passenger Transport improvements
- Road improvements
- Rail freight, ports, airports and intermodal improvements
- Potential deep sea port(s) facility and landside transport corridor
- ▭ South Australian Government Region boundary
- Aboriginal lands
- Primarily cropping
- Primarily livestock
- Forest plantation
- Wine growing region
- Main road
- Freight railway
- Passenger and freight ferry
- Sea port
- ◆ Regional Mining and Infrastructure Planning (RMIP) project mines



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