

## 4.0 LANDSCAPE CHARACTER IMPACT

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### 4.6 PRECINCT 5: QUEEN STREET TO HORSLEY ROAD

#### 4.6.1 Existing Landscape Character

The Motorway passes through the industrial areas of Revesby and Milperra to the north and the residential suburbs of Revesby and Panania to the south. There are a number of small municipal reserves adjoining to Motorway in these suburbs, including Greenway Reserve, Tracey Street Reserve and Toby Reserve. As with the previous precinct, the Motorway continues with two lanes in each direction with a grass median. Small groupings of shrub planting are located in the median from Queen Street to Beaconsfield Street. Trees have been planted adjacent to the Beaconsfield Street bridge and Horsley Road bridge.

An embankment vegetated with Cumberland Plain Woodland adjoins the westbound carriageway. Glimpses to the industrial buildings can be had from the Motorway. On the southern side of the Motorway, the noise wall is adjacent to the carriageway from Queen Street to Tracey Street Reserve. Cumberland Plain Woodland vegetation is found to the southern side of the noise wall. From Tracey Street Reserve to Horsley Road, the noise wall moves to the top of the vegetated embankment.

#### 4.6.2 The Project

As with the previous precinct, the new eastbound and westbound lanes will be located within the existing grass median. They would be divided by a concrete safety barrier typically with a 1.2 metre wide paved median on both sides, delineated by line marking.

Under Beaconsfield Street and Horsley Road, the existing w-beam guardrails are to be removed and concrete safety barriers would be installed to protect the existing central piers.



Illustrations 33 - 35:

Character images of the Queen Street to Horsley Road precinct: views west of the noise wall abutting the carriageway at Revesby, vegetated embankments, and view east of good quality vegetation in the median west of Queen Street

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A new variable message sign (VMS) is proposed for westbound traffic to the west of Queen Street.

A water quality/detention basin is proposed within the road reserve, for the northern side of the Motorway, mid-way between Queen Street and Beaconsfield Street.

#### 4.6.3 Landscape Character Assessment

##### *Sensitivity*

Due to the landscape character of this precinct being predominately a motorway with a grassed median with good groupings of tree and shrub planting, as described in 4.6.1, the precinct will have moderate sensitivity to the proposed changes.

##### *Magnitude*

The proposed upgrade in this precinct accommodates new eastbound and westbound lanes within the existing grassed median. This would increase the paved surface by approximately 25%. Additional line marking modifications would be required, and the existing wire rope barrier would be replaced with a concrete safety barrier. A number of native shrubs and small trees would be removed from the existing median. The VMS is another element in the landscape and may cause the loss of some shrub and tree planting to provide clear sightlines.

Overall, the qualitative assessment indicates that the magnitude of the proposed upgrade in this precinct would potentially be moderate due to the loss of the grassed median and associated tree and shrub planting.

##### *Landscape Character Impact*

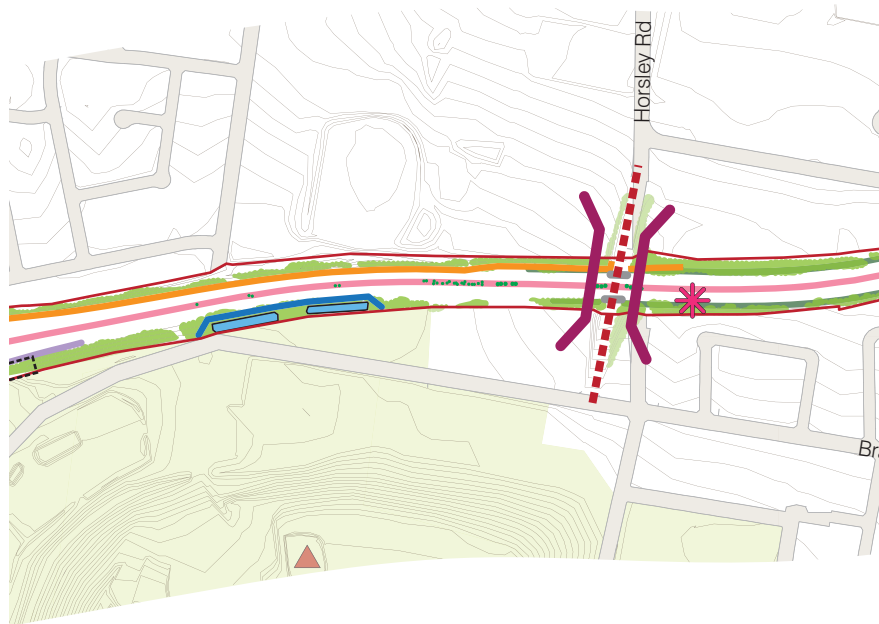
The qualitative assessment indicates that the landscape character impact of the proposed upgrade in this precinct is likely to be moderate due to the moderate sensitivity to change of the precinct and the moderate magnitude of the works.

| Precinct 5: Queen Street to Horsley Road |                 |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sensitivity                              | Moderate        |
| Magnitude                                | Moderate        |
| Landscape Character Impact               | <b>Moderate</b> |

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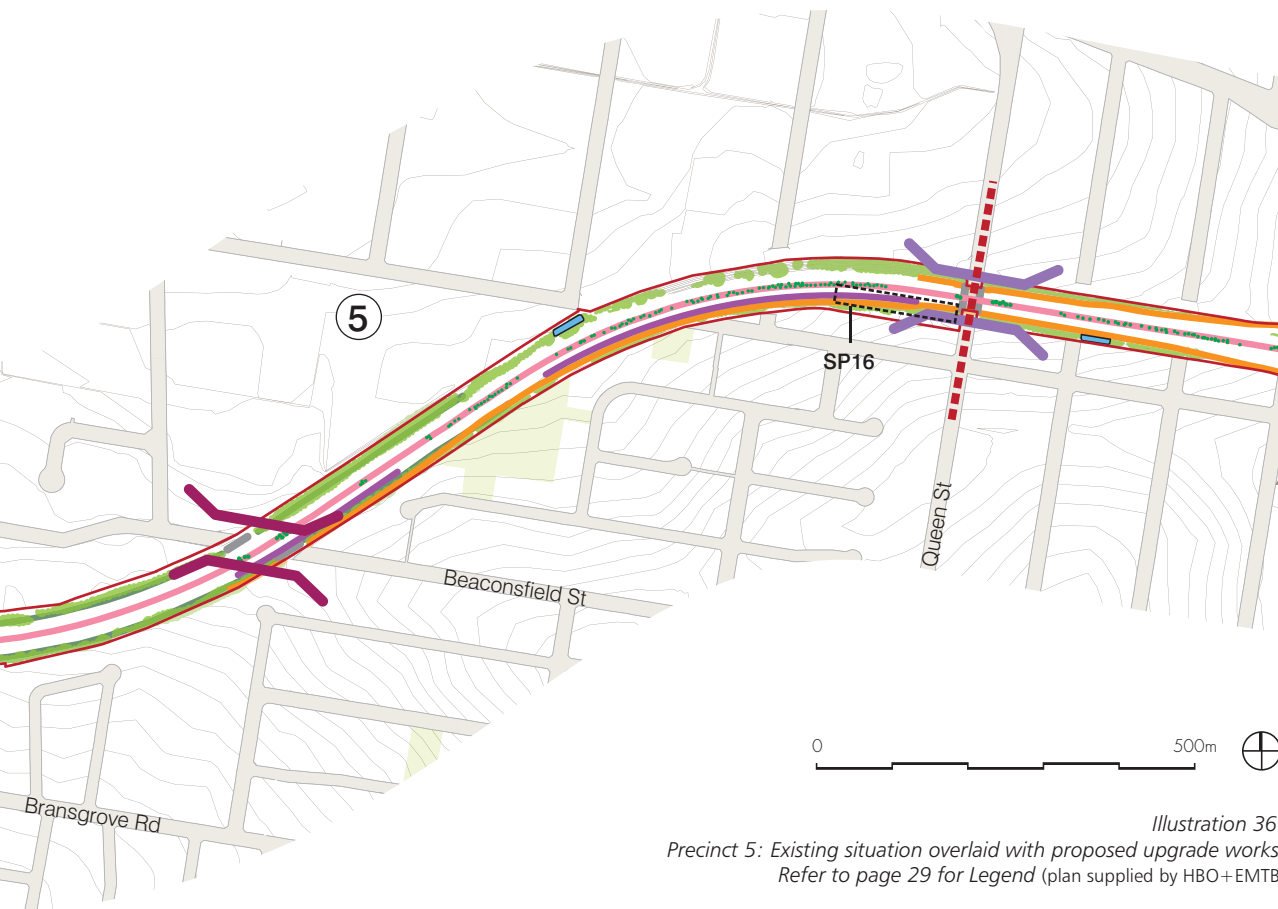


Illustration 36:  
Precinct 5: Existing situation overlaid with proposed upgrade works.  
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