

# PROPOSED ACCOMMODATION VILLAGE PROJECT UPDATE

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## COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

### Work to date

Firstly, we'd like to thank everyone who has generously shared their insights with us.

Our most recent consultation with the community has informed our continuing work on a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) for the proposed village. This will help us better understand community perceptions and local impacts. Consultation for the SIA included two community information sessions, in-person surveys and an online survey. We then workshopped preliminary findings with a focus group in Binningup which provided direct feedback.

We received 227 responses to our surveys, representing more than 17 per cent of Binningup's population. Community willingness to engage on the village proposal has been appreciated and it is clear that people are passionate about their community.

The SIA will be made available when it is finalised in coming weeks.

### Next steps

We plan to continue work with the community to develop a Social Impact Management Plan for the proposed village. This will guide management of the proposed village in line with community expectations. It will also establish clear lines of communication so that locals can provide us with ongoing feedback.

We will also be talking to the community about opportunities for Albemarle to contribute to Binningup. We are presently exploring a shuttle bus service for Binningup residents, a recreational trail connecting Binningup Road to Taranto Road, and possible community use of the proposed village, which is planned to include a range of wellness and sports facilities, along with meeting rooms and a dining hall.

As the project progresses, we will provide more information about opportunities to participate in this consultation process.

## WHAT WE'RE HEARING

We have received lots of feedback from locals and what we have found is that there is still some confusion about how the proposed village will operate and therefore potentially impact the town, so we'll do our best to address all concerns.

### We're hearing:

People are concerned about more traffic on Binningup Road.

### We can confirm:

There will be NO access to the proposed village via Binningup Road. The village main access point is via Taranto Road. The only access via Binningup Road in the future would be for emergency response vehicles.

### We're hearing:

People are concerned about an influx of workers interacting with Binningup town.

### We can confirm:

Workers staying at the proposed village will be working at Kemerton between 6am and 6pm every day. There will be no accommodation provided for rostered days off, and during this time they will return to their normal residence.

### We're hearing:

The proposal won't bring any benefits to Binningup.

### We can confirm:

We are committed to social investment in the local community, and we look forward to exploring what that means in detail as part of the development of a Social Impact Management Plan. We will also need about 150 people to work at the village, and the goal is to hire these people locally.

## CHANGES IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK

### Reduced impacts to neighbours

Over the past weeks, we have continued to work with the State Government and our neighbours to improve design and construction of the proposed accommodation village. In response to feedback we have now included a dedicated 40m wide and 100 m long buffer with a 1.5m high vegetated bund. This means the proposed village will be further away from the shared boundary and separated by a landscaped barrier.

Our design improvements go above and beyond State guidelines and requirements to further mitigate potential impacts relating to chemical spray drift, fumigants and noise. These improvements will further protect current and future agricultural activities and production, ensuring that the village coexists harmoniously with farming neighbours.

### Wastewater management

During recent consultation the community has asked about wastewater management. Concerns are evident about Binningup nearing capacity for reticulated sewerage services and the expected need for an upgrade to the system and the suitability of Water Corporation infrastructure.

Our goal is a long-term and sustainable wastewater management solution for the village and we are working with the Water Corporation, Department of Health and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), to find a short and long term solution to meet the needs of the Village.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

Albemarle is proposing to build a 500-person high-quality temporary workers accommodation village off Taranto Road. The facility will accommodate essential construction workers needed for future expansion of the Kemerton lithium plant. Designed to fit within the landscape, on a small portion of already-cleared farmland on the outskirts of Binningup, village traffic will be confined to Taranto Road, with shuttle buses taking workers to and from site.



## Contact Us

Our local team is available to discuss these or any other questions:

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