

GONNEVILLE PROJECT

What it could mean for Chittering

The proposed Gonneville mine is in the Shire of Toodyay, but infrastructure and transport options being investigated could affect Chittering residents, roads, private property and the environment.

COUNCIL'S POSITION

Gonneville-associated infrastructure and transport corridors should be located outside the Shire of Chittering.

4 THINGS TO KNOW

1 WHO DECIDES?

The Shire does not decide whether the mine is approved.

Key project approvals sit primarily with State and Commonwealth authorities.

The Shire can still advocate, provide evidence, make submissions and objections, and participate in statutory processes affecting Chittering.

2 CHITTERING ROAD

Council strongly opposes Chittering Road being used as a Gonneville transport route.

Main Roads WA has not yet assessed Chittering Road as a proposed Gonneville heavy freight route.

The Shire does not have the legal power to prevent General Access Vehicles, including certain trucks, from using Chittering Road.

3 LAND + ENVIRONMENT

The impacts extend beyond the road surface.

Potential impacts include private property, Rural Residential communities, vegetation, habitat, threatened species and rural amenity.

4 RATEPAYERS

Project-attributable costs should not fall on Chittering ratepayers.

This includes appropriate consideration of upgrades, maintenance, monitoring, rehabilitation and future liabilities.

ENGAGEMENT DOES NOT EQUAL ENDORSEMENT

ENGAGE → SCRUTINISE → ADVOCATE → OBJECT WHERE APPROPRIATE

Engaging with Chalice allows the Shire to obtain information, challenge assumptions, advocate for alternatives and raise community concerns.

The Shire can engage while also formally objecting.



WANT THE DETAIL?

Read the full Gonneville community information and FAQs

Shire of Chittering | chittering.wa.gov.au

Information current as at 20 November 2026.

WHAT IS THE SHIRE DOING?

A clear position. Formal action. Ongoing advocacy.



ACTION TIMELINE

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1 JUNE 2026

Council unanimously resolved to direct advocacy against intrusive project infrastructure through private Rural Residential properties, showing early commitment to support residents.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2 OCTOBER 2026

Council unanimously resolved to oppose Gonneville-associated infrastructure within Chittering, including use of Shire roads as project freight or transport corridors, further strengthening its position.

EPA SECTION 43A | MAKE A FORMAL ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSION

The Shire raised concerns about mapping, Rural Residential properties, vegetation and habitat, community impacts and the assessment of alternative corridors.

ONGOING | ADVOCATE TO DECISION-MAKERS

The Shire has raised Chittering's concerns with State and Commonwealth representatives, Main Roads WA, DWER/EPA and other relevant authorities.

THE TRANSPORT QUESTION

A FAIR COMPARISON IS ABOUT MORE THAN KILOMETRES

Council is seeking proper consideration of eastern transport alternatives, rather than assuming westward transport through Chittering is the preferred solution.

SAFETY
Road geometry | intersections | other road users

ROAD WORKS
Widening | shoulders | drainage | upgrades

ENVIRONMENT
Vegetation | threatened flora | habitat

COMMUNITY
Residents | landholders | schools | tourism

AMENITY
Noise | landscape | Rural Residential areas

WHOLE-OF-ROUTE COST
Construction | maintenance | rehabilitation

DISTANCE IS RELEVANT, BUT NOT DECISIVE.

A shorter route is not necessarily the better route when road safety, environmental and community impacts are considered.

NOT YET FINALISED

The final infrastructure corridor alignment has not been approved.

Environmental assessment, corridor investigations and statutory processes are continuing or remain to occur.

THE SHIRE WILL CONTINUE TO

- **REPRESENT** residents and landholders
- **ADVOCATE** for alternatives outside Chittering
- **OPPOSE** Chittering Road as a project transport corridor
- **PROTECT** road safety, environmental values and rural amenity
- **SCRUTINISE** new information
- **PROTECT** Chittering ratepayers from project-attributable costs

OUR FOCUS IS CHITTERING

The Shire will continue to focus on decisions it can influence and use those opportunities to seek the best possible outcome for Chittering.

Full information + FAQs

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