



Worsley Alumina Pty Ltd.

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SW Road Safety Study

An independent study is underway to assess opportunities to minimise safety risks associated with increased traffic on SW roads expected during the \$2.5 billion Worsley Alumina expansion.

The study, by consultants GHD, will investigate the likely impact on local highways and roads around Worsley's mining operations near Boddington and refinery operations near Collie.

The aim of the study is to develop a range of recommendations which will look at road conditions, preferred travel routes, public transport, driver behaviour and controls such as heavy vehicle curfews.

Main Roads WA, local police, local governments and a range of other government and community groups will be asked for their views.

Warren McKenzie, Project Director for the Worsley expansion, said the study was essential because road safety had been identified as a key issue and traffic was already starting to increase.

"Our aim is to come up with a list of priority actions to deal with high risk issues and areas," Mr McKenzie said. "We want to complete this work as soon as practical so we are prepared for when the construction workforce begins to build up.

About 4000 construction jobs are expected to be created at the mine and refinery over the 31-month life of the Efficiency and Growth project, peaking at around 1700 toward the end of 2009.

The \$2.5 billion expansion will increase Worsley's annual alumina production from 3.5 million to 4.6 million tonnes. Another \$500 million will be spent building a new power station.

GHD principal engineer Mark Sadowski said essential road traffic data was being collected, meetings were under way with key stakeholders including the police and local governments, questionnaires were being sent to other interested parties and input was being sought from Worsley employees.

Members of the public could comment by telephoning GHD on 9721 0700 or by emailing safe.travel@wapl.com.au.

Mr Sadowski said a site inspection of key routes had also been undertaken with Main Roads WA and as a result a number of immediate safety improvements were already being considered.

He said the study was due to be completed early next month. It would then be considered by steering committees of key stakeholders for follow up action.

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