

PLACE-MAKING PLAN DRAFT IDEAS

BRINGING THE VISION TO LIFE

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TOGETHER

Halls Creek is home to some of Australia’s most breathtaking landscapes, and still today, actively practices the world’s oldest living culture.

Few places can claim such extraordinary natural and cultural heritage. These assets are not only unique; they are **powerful foundations** for **pride, identity, and opportunity.**

Yet despite this richness, the reality for many in Halls Creek is bleak. Community facilities are deteriorating and living conditions are dire. A severe housing shortage has led to overcrowding, poor health outcomes and safety concerns. These challenges all make it difficult for organisations to attract and retain staff, and many essential services are either absent or operated remotely.

The people of Halls Creek deserve better.

Compared to other Kimberley communities, Halls Creek has missed out on critical investment in infrastructure.

The sealing of the Tanami Road is underway, **unlocking transformational economic opportunities**—particularly in mining, tourism, and agriculture. Halls Creek is uniquely positioned to leverage these developments.

The time is right to invest in Halls Creek—not just because of what it lacks, but because of what it offers. A future built on cultural strength, natural beauty, and economic potential awaits.

A Place Making Plan will help the Shire plan for the town’s future, based on what the community wants. It will show where changes should happen, how to make public spaces better, and how to manage them over time. It will also support the Shire and local groups in seeking funding to turn these ideas into reality.

LET’S YARN

In early August, our consultants visited Halls Creek to share the proposed community vision, pillars and priorities, along with a draft Place Vision and a set of draft Place Making Concept Ideas.

The feedback has been incorporated, and now, we’re sharing these online so that anyone who missed the in-person sessions — or wants to add more thoughts — still has a chance to have their say.

This is about shaping Halls Creek’s future—together.

HALLS CREEK PLACE VISION

Halls Creek is a town with a bright future and a shared purpose – to be a place where everyone is welcomed, valued and proud to belong.

As agents for change, let’s work together to rebuild a cohesive and inclusive town that uplifts local voices and honours the rich cultures of the Jaru and Kija peoples.

OUR HOME OUR FUTURE

Prosperous & Equitable

Attract investment to reshape a **resilient** town full of **opportunity.**

Healthy & Safe

Create places that reinforce **safe, healthy lifestyles** and **compassion** for people so that everyone feels welcome and looked after.

Beautiful & Respected

Let’s strengthen **caring for country** to reignite the **spirit** and **beauty** of our local landscapes and culture, and rebuild **lively** and **energetic spaces** that make us proud.

United

Let’s **consolidate** our most important **cultural and recreational assets** in the **heart of town** to make it a natural gathering place for shared experiences.



PROSPEROUS + EQUITABLE

Reshape a resilient town full of opportunity

Ideas We Have Heard

- River
- Road
- Future Road
- Public Open Space / Reserve
- Retail
- Commercial
- Mixed Use
- Land Ownership
- TAFE
- Short Stay
- Community Infrastructure



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- A Potential Waste Water Recycling Plant
- B Release and deliver the Industrial Park
- C Wayfinding and signage
- D Fill vacant spaces along GNH and Thomas Street

- E Colourful artworks on shop fronts and blank walls
- F Consolidate retail and commercial activities along GNH and Thomas Street

- G Transition non-confirming uses, free up land for housing
- H Expand / consolidate facilities at the local airport (DOT)

- I Upgrade facilities at Old Halls Creek for suitable self-contained accommodation
- J Explore options to activate the speedway / motorcross (local skill development)

- K Reconsider alternative uses for the land currently zoned for a caravan park in town (housing)

FOCUS AREAS

TOWN CENTRE ACTIVATION

Work with property owners along Great Northern Highway and Thomas Street to fill **vacant tenancies** and transition non-confirming residential uses to free up space for commercial and retail activities, within suitably designated areas. Advocate for strategies to address the **high cost of doing business** in Regional Australia.

Be **visitor ready** – give people a good reason to stop. Invest in programming, signage, attractions and easy and convenient parking. Enable **tourism marketing campaigns** to put Halls Creek on the itinerary as a worthwhile destination for passing visitors.

TRAINING PATHWAYS

Education and tailored training for youth and adults is critical to underpin employment options and economic security.

- Continue to support ACCO's to facilitate **job pathway programs**,
- Advocate for the **TAFE** facilities to be operational,
- Encourage schools to actively participate in community programs, and
- Advocate** and **support programs** that **build local capability** aligned to future economic opportunities (i.e. mechanics/tyre fitters (speedway), hospitality (tourism and rangers) and agriculture.

SEALING THE TANAMI

The Tanami will open up exciting new economic opportunities for the town, in mining, agriculture and tourism. Halls Creek currently lacks critical infrastructure to ensure it is positioned to leverage this opportunity:

- Upgrade the **Airport Terminal** and investigate options to expand the runway to service larger aircraft (Department of Transport).
- Secure land and headworks funding to open up more **industrial land** to service logistics, warehousing, mechanics and tyre fitters (Development WA)
- Investigate the feasibility of a **Recycling Waste Water Treatment Plant** to address water constraints and supplement the irrigation of public spaces (Water Corp)
- Identify a suitable site and upgrade amenities at **Old Halls Creek** to provide important tourism infrastructure for self contained campers, and investigate other suitable alternative sites close to town, for a caravan park.



MAIN STREET ACTIVATION



AIRPORT EXPANSION



INDUSTRIAL PARK



JOB PATHWAYS



VISITOR READY



OLD HALLS CREEK ECO TOURISM

BEAUTIFUL + RESPECTED

Lively spaces that reignite the beauty of our local landscape and culture

Ideas We Have Heard

- River
- Road
- Future Road
- Public Open Space
- Sensory Garden
- Tree Planting (Mango Trees)
- Retail / Commercial
- Community Infrastructure



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- A Provide landscaped gathering spaces with seating and shade in key locations
- B Review local procurement policies to provide opportunities for local contractors

- C Enhance parks and playgrounds (play equipment, sport, BBQ's and fire pits)
- D Strengthen green links around town and plant suitable street trees along Great Northern Highway (Mango Trees)

- E Partner with schools and local artists to embed cultural artworks in the landscape
- F Future playground at junior oval
- G Collaborative partnerships to manage and combat graffiti

- H Movies in the park
- I Robust local materials

FOCUS AREAS

MAINTENANCE AND PRESENTATION

Improve the **standard of presentation** around town.

Public spaces, and some civic buildings and private properties around town are in a **state of neglect**. Dilapidated infrastructure, widespread graffiti, and poorly maintained landscaping fall short of the standards seen in other regional WA communities. Moreover, residents in some areas do not currently have access to a rubbish service.

The community deserves better and there is a clear opportunity for residents, businesses, local authorities and community members to **all take ownership** of the town's presentation.

Investing in **local contractors** to undertake this maintenance, will create jobs, strengthen community pride, and build lasting local capability.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Halls Creek has a comparatively high proportion of children, people with disabilities, and an ageing population.

Spending **time outside is deeply valued**—not just for recreation, but as a way to connect with country, and with friends and family.

The popularity of Pioneer Park and the spaces along Great Northern Highway are a testament to this. Yet the current condition of parks and playgrounds is poor.

Upgrading parks and playgrounds is not just a matter of infrastructure—it's an investment in wellbeing, cultural connection, and community equity.

STREETSCAPE LANDSCAPING

Thoughtful landscaping plays a powerful role in helping to reflect identity, care for the land, and create spaces that feel welcoming and meaningful.

Yet despite this love for the outdoors, there are few comfortable places in Halls Creek to sit, gather, or simply enjoy the landscape. There's a clear opportunity to create more **inviting, shaded, and culturally resonant outdoor spaces** that support everyday life and community wellbeing.

ACTIVE FRONTAGES



MAINTENANCE



SHADE + BBQS



UPGRADE PLAYGROUNDS



COLOURS & MATERIALS



TOWN BEACH, BROOME



Ideas We Have Heard

- River
- Road
- Future Road
- Lighting and Footpath Upgrades
- Pedestrian Crossing
- Public Open Space
- Youth Facilities
- Community Infrastructure
- Future Residential (Investigation)
- Key Workers Accommodation
- Murrumbidgee Community
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Map Labels: Great Northern Highway, Murrumbidgee River, Bridge St, Thomas St, Terence St, Duncan Road, Welman Rd, Murrumbidgee Ave, Murrumbidgee St, Murrumbidgee Dr, Murrumbidgee Pl, Murrumbidgee Ln, Murrumbidgee Way, Murrumbidgee Ct, Murrumbidgee Cr, Murrumbidgee Cir, Murrumbidgee Cres, Murrumbidgee Dr, Murrumbidgee Pl, Murrumbidgee Ln, Murrumbidgee Way, Murrumbidgee Ct, Murrumbidgee Cr, Murrumbidgee Cir, Murrumbidgee Cres.

Inset Photos:

- Playground
- Basketball Court
- Park Bench
- Community Center
- Public Open Space
- Youth Facility
- Community Infrastructure
- Future Residential
- Key Workers Accommodation
- Murrumbidgee Community
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| A | Proposed Great Northern Highway realignment | D | Modifications to vehicular access to Coles Express | G | Investigate options for a future junior oval | J | Public toilet and landscaping upgrades | M | Sport and recreation programming |
| B | Duncan Road intersection upgrades | E | Future potential residential (subject to investigation) | H | Rage Cage interim option on current courts (potential) | K | Footpath and lighting upgrades | N | CCTV Upgrades |
| C | Roberta Avenue intersection upgrades | F | Future Aged Care (Yura Yungi) | I | Potential Splash Park + Skate Park | L | New public toilets | O | Water fountains |

ALL-AGE PROGRAMMING



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| A Potential commercial/mixed use | D Multi-purpose hard courts / Rage Cage | F Outdoor gathering | I Splash park | L Upgraded change rooms |
| B Parking (events, caravans) | E Community hall / conferences / funerals | G Cultural tourism / retail | J Skate park | |
| C Commercial / office / civic | | H Servicing vehicles only | K Expanded recreation centre | |

FOCUS AREAS

COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

To address the extraordinary and complex challenges currently facing Halls Creek, a focused commitment to **shared goals, strong partnerships, and coordinated collaboration** is essential.

The town is navigating fractured relationships that continue to impede progress. At the same time, a diverse network of government agencies, community organisations, and Aboriginal Controlled Community Organisations are actively engaged in supporting the region.

A proposed **Cultural and Recreation Precinct** could be an ideal platform to bring everyone together, foster unity, overcome divisions and align efforts for the collective benefit of the community.

By creating a **shared space** that celebrates culture, encourages participation, and strengthens collaboration, the precinct could become a cornerstone for long-term community cohesion and progress.

SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Sport is the beating heart of regional communities, bringing people together to stay active, connect, and build lasting friendships. Halls Creek once had **thriving sports programs for youth and adults**, but ageing facilities and other challenges have led to decline. The loss of football and regular programming has deeply affected the community—leaving youth disengaged, increasing crime, and making it harder for organisations to retain staff.

The **current recreation facility** requires a **complete overhaul**. Pool maintenance expenses are crippling the Shire. **Changerooms** require **upgrades**, storage spaces are not secure and there are no suitable spaces for umpires.

Investment in facilities to bring them up to standard, along with dedicated resources to support **broader programming** will **restore community spirit**, improve health, and create positive opportunities for all.

MULTI-PURPOSE CULTURAL CENTRE

A multi-purpose Cultural / Civic Centre would honour traditional owners (the Jaru and Gija people) and serve to educate local and visiting people about the **rich Aboriginal culture and heritage** in and around Halls Creek. Also, it will provide **direct employment** and facilitate **new cultural industries**.

It could be a new **architecturally significant building**, encapsulating land and culture, and a place to move forward into the future and to support ongoing healing during extremely stressful and traumatising times. The community identified a **range of different uses** and activities, that **could benefit** from these facilities, from funerals, through to court hearings, conferences and community events. The building could incorporate meeting spaces, new visitor/ tourism centre, commercial/ office space, café and civic spaces. Also, it could act as a culturally safe and secure evacuation centre during natural disasters. Any new facility would need to be sensitive to the current community hall and adjoining rock work.



DRAFT VISION & PILLARS



DRAFT VISION

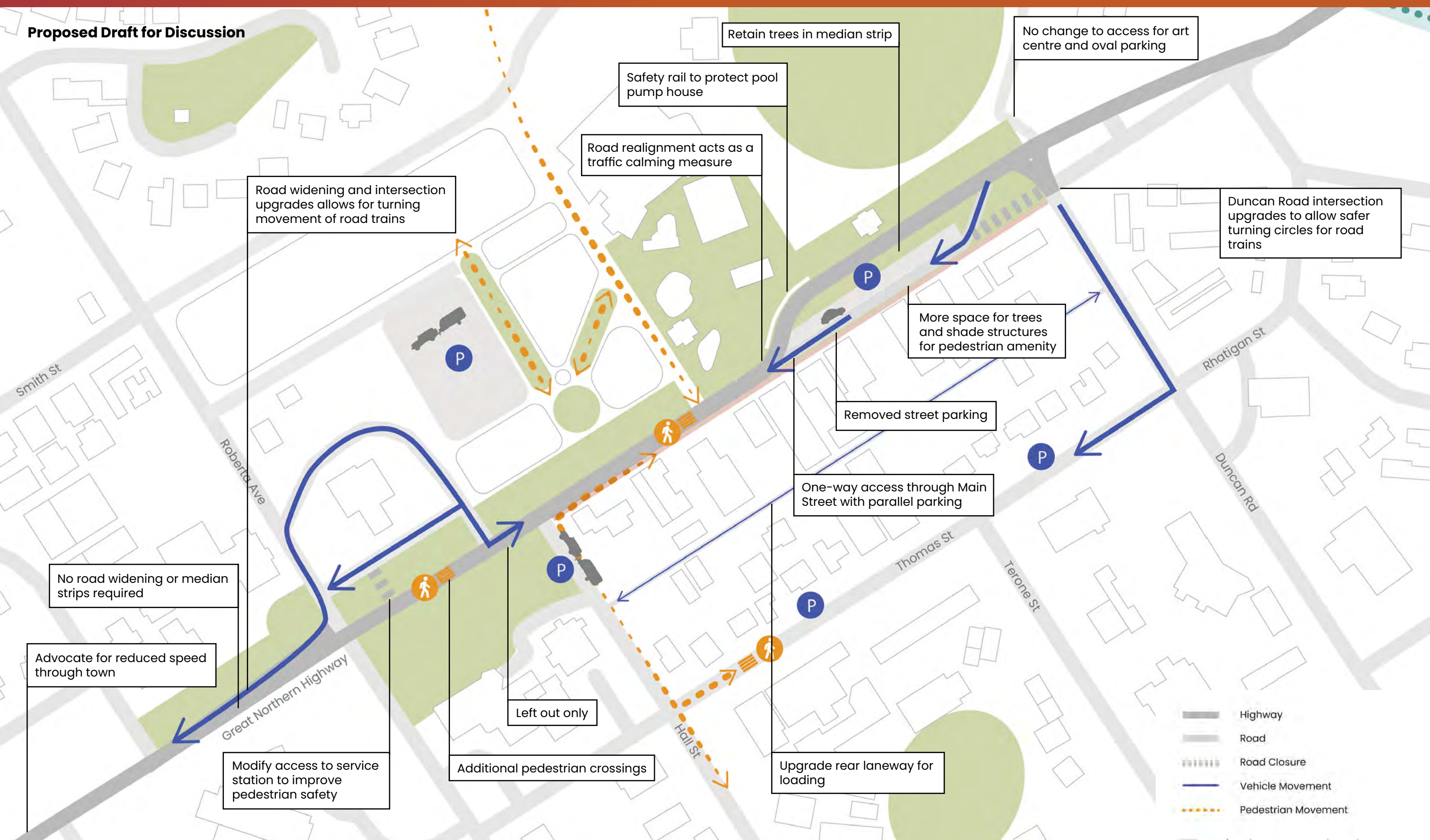


COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

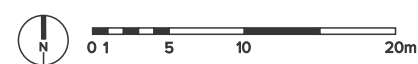
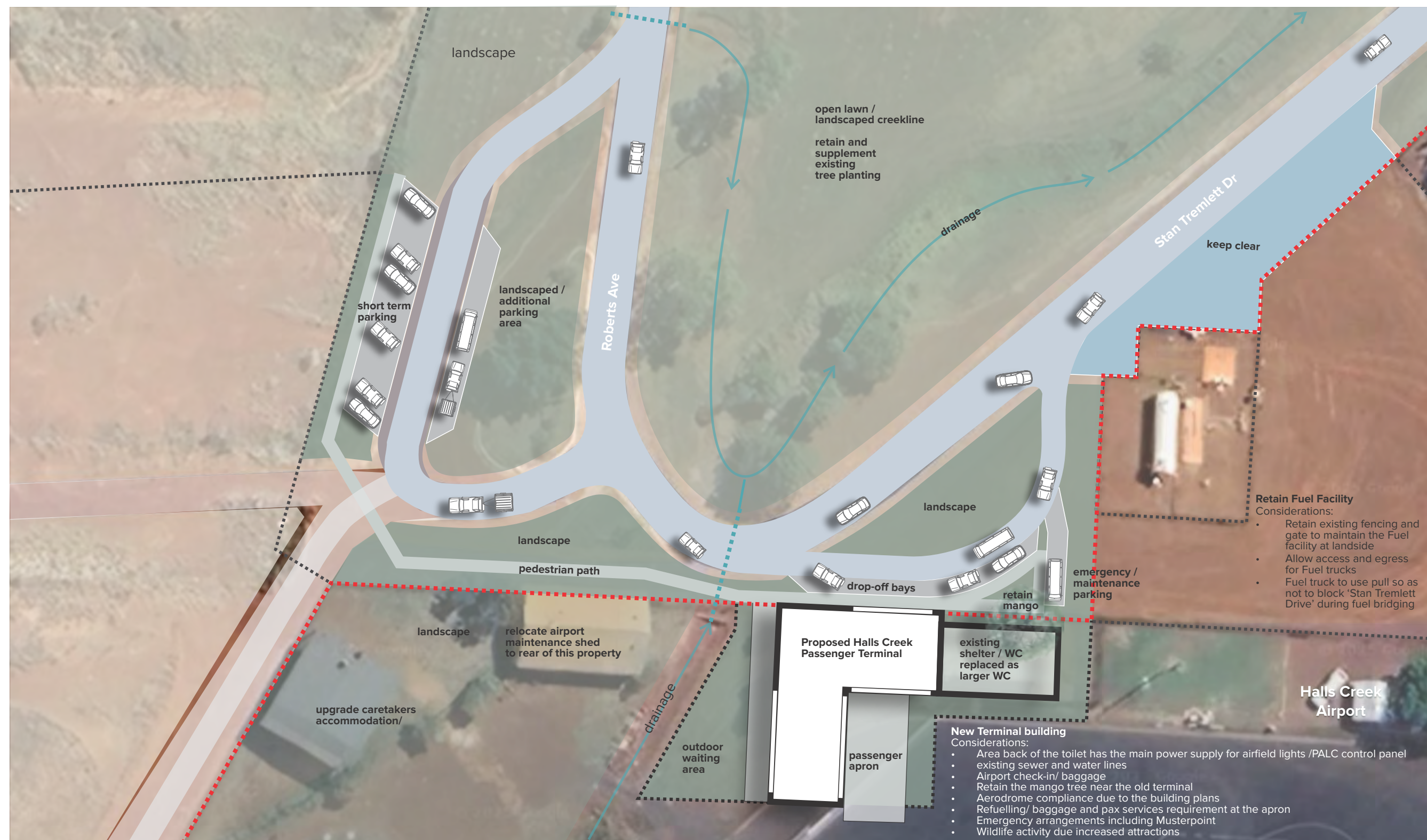


PROPOSED GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY REALIGNMENT

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PROPOSED AIRPORT UPGRADES



Halls Creek
Airport Terminal
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STREETSCAPE VISUAL PERSPECTIVE



EXISTING CONDITION



PROPOSED UPGRADE