

## - 2026 ELECTION PRIORITY -

# Paynesville - ready to grow

**Enabling Paynesville's growth with safer, more efficient intersections that unlock housing supply to meet Government targets.**

### Why new intersections are needed

Paynesville is one of the primary towns identified to accommodate much of East Gippsland's future population growth. A major growth area has been rezoned for residential and is investment ready, supporting around 1,400 new dwellings over the next decade.

To support growth there is a need to upgrade key intersections within the existing residential area. These upgrades will improve traffic flow, address safety concerns, and ensure that current and future traffic congestion is addressed.

The works are critical to activating Paynesville over the next decade and supporting its ongoing role as a major residential, tourism, boating and fishing destination in East Gippsland.

### Our community is asking for

This initiative seeks \$4 million in Victorian Government funding to deliver a package of intersection upgrades required to unlock housing supply.

- Upgrade of the Paynesville Road (Department of Transport managed) / Grandview Road intersection to accommodate increased traffic volumes.
- Delivery of two additional intersection upgrades on local roads to support internal network capacity.
  - Main Street / Ashley Street
  - Main Street / King Street
- Integration of upgrades with the broader Paynesville Growth Area Structure Plan road network, ensuring safe access and efficient traffic distribution.

With design work complete and the precinct identified for long-term growth, this project is shovel ready and represents a critical, enabling investment to unlock new housing and support Paynesville's expansion.

The new intersections could be delivered within two years.

### Background



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Paynesville relies on a limited road network with Main Road as the primary access route to Eagle Point and Raymond Island, and experiences strong seasonal traffic surges from tourism, boating and recreation.

Paynesville's growth area has progressed through a planning panel process and has been rezoned for residential development. Council's supporting work (growth area structure planning, traffic impact assessment and traffic modelling) has identified the two Main Street intersections as priority upgrades to safely accommodate additional traffic generated by the new dwellings.

The intersections sit within an established residential area near Paynesville Primary School and kindergarten and are on the main route for vehicles entering and exiting the town.

Community concern regarding congestion and safety was strongly raised during the rezoning process and Council has made in principle commitments to ensure traffic is not worsened by growth. Because the works are in an existing developed area, there is limited ability to secure developer contributions to fund these upgrades.

### More information

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