

PEEL DEVIATION, N1.5 AND N3 ROUTES

534. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

With reference to the answer received yesterday to my question about the proposed N1.5 and the alternative N3 route for the Peel deviation -

- (1) Why was it stated that the bridge over the Murray River in the N3 route was longer, when the bridge, which was designed by G B Hill Consulting Engineers, for the N1.5 route to cross Pinjarra Road as well as the Murray River is clearly the longer of the two alternatives?
- (2) Does the minister acknowledge that the land traversed by the N3 route is between five and six metres higher than that of the N1.5 alignment, thus having a significant effect on the relative costs of construction of the two alternative routes?
- (3) Do the “developed subdivisions” mentioned in the answer refer to the special rural blocks in Pericho Close or the vacant paddock on lot 20?

Hon GRAHAM GIFFARD replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

The Minister for Planning and Infrastructure has provided the following response -

- (1) Bridging requirements on the preferred N1.5 alignment involve a single structure to pass over both Pinjarra Road and the Murray River. The bridge over the river on route N3 is at an angle to the river, and, therefore, as indicated in yesterday’s response, would be longer than that over the river on route N1.5, which is at a right angle to the river. With the interchange as proposed on alignment N3, a further bridge would be required over Pinjarra Road, making the total bridging requirements greater for the N3 route than for the N1.5 route.
- (2) There is no evidence that any elevation advantage on route N3 will reduce the cost of construction over that of route N1.5, because the design would normally require a road of this standard to be suitably elevated above the natural surface wherever it was located.
- (3) The N3 alignment would directly affect homes and vacant property in the Pericho Close subdivision. Land would also be required for lot 20.