

**NICHOLSON ROAD–GARDEN STREET–YALE ROAD ROUNDABOUT**

*Statement by Member for Southern River*

**MR P. ABETZ (Southern River)** [12.58 pm]: I wish to inform the house of a wonderful success story in my electorate—the Nicholson Road–Garden Street–Yale Road roundabout. For years this has been a frustrating bottleneck for traffic entering and leaving Canning Vale. Therefore, I thank those who cooperated to bring these roadworks forward and to a speedy conclusion. Firstly, I thank the Minister for Transport, Troy Buswell, who came and saw the congestion for himself and secured funding for the work. We are very grateful for this. Secondly, thanks to the staff at the City of Gosnells, especially the director of infrastructure, Dave Harris, under whose watchful eye the roadworks were completed in a timely manner with minimal disruption to traffic. The support of the whole council was appreciated and was central to the completion of the project.

A number of constituents have contacted me to say that their travelling time to and from work has been shortened by 20 minutes each way every day. That is a brilliant outcome. However, the road markings on this double lane roundabout, which vary from the normal two-lane markings, are causing some concern with both lanes of the double lane coming out of Yale Road allowed to turn right towards Roe Highway. The left lane coming off Roe Highway to go down Nicholson Road needs to cut across the lane. That is causing serious concern and some close calls. I urge Main Roads, after the three-month so-called trial period, to review this situation.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*