

GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY - CONSTRUCTION AND REALIGNMENT PROGRAM

**88. Hon NIGEL HALLETT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:**

- (1) What is the status of the construction and realignment program for the Great Northern Highway between Muchea and Wubin?
- (2) Have sections of the realignment program been delayed?
- (3) If yes to (2), for what reasons have the realignments been delayed?
- (4) In the interest of vehicle safety, what can be done to put these works back on program?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, a comprehensive, two-page answer has been provided. I seek leave to have it tabled and incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

[See paper 1350.]

The following material was incorporated -

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1. In 2004/05 Main Roads commenced the planning, investigation, and design for the various improvement works to be undertaken between Muchea and Wubin. Surveys have been completed and detailed designs are progressing over a significant length of the project.  
  
Construction works commenced in 2004/05 with the completion of a southbound passing lane near Perry Road, 23 kilometre north of Bindoon in October 2004. Construction of a second southbound passing lane near Blue Plains Road was completed in February 2005.  
  
Works are currently underway on the reconstruction and realigning of a 3.9 kilometre section of the highway just north of Bindoon Hill valued at \$2.5 million.  
  
A quotation is currently being sought for the reconstruction and realigning of a 800 metre section of the Highway at Tee Tree Road. These works will include widening and the provision of turn pockets at Tee Tree and Spice Road significantly improving safety for school buses and other traffic using these roads.  
  
A further 7 kilometres of reconstruction and widening works north of New Norcia are scheduled to commence later this year.  
  
In addition to the above works, further significant improvement works have been completed in recent years on the Muchea to Wubin section of GNH under earlier Federal Funding approvals, including:
    - Upgrading of the Blue Plains Road intersection 15 kms south of Bindoon (funded under the State Black Spot program) - May 2004
    - Reconstruction and realignment of the southern approach to Bindoon Hill (3.9 km) - April 2003
    - Upgrading of the Dewars Pool Road intersection at the top of Bindoon Hill - April 2003
    - Pavement rehabilitation and widening at Walebing (5 km) - in February 2005
    - Pavement rehabilitation and widening at Miling (2.5 km) - April 2004
    - Pavement rehabilitation and widening at Dalwallinu (3.5 km) - June 2004
    - Construction of the Dalwallinu Heavy Haulage Bypass (2 km) - May 2002
    - Pavement rehabilitation and widening between Nugadong and Wubin (12.6 km) - March 2004
  - 2 - 4 While works have commenced on this major improvement project, as outlined above, some delays have been experienced in regard to negotiating land acquisitions and gaining statutory clearances for vegetation clearing and environmental approvals. Main Roads is confident it will complete works in line with the funding schedule provided by the Federal Government.
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