

MAIN ROADS — SPEED LIMITS

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

Can the minister please provide details about how Main Roads south west reviews and sets speed limits, with particular reference to Bussell Highway, Gelorup?

**Hon SALLY TALBOT replied:**

I thank Hon Nigel Hallett for some notice of the question, to which I provide a response on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure. The minister has responded in the following terms.

In general terms, Main Roads considers a number of factors when setting speed limits. These factors include the function of the road, road geometry, operating speed, roadside environment, traffic volumes, turning movements, crash data, local knowledge and community feedback. In terms of the speed limit on Bussell Highway, Main Roads' south west regional office regularly reviews speed limits across the south west, including on Bussell Highway. The section of Bussell Highway at Gelorup is currently the only link to the Bunbury central business district from the southern residential corridor of Bunbury, including College Grove, Gelorup, Stratham, Peppermint Grove and the rapidly expanding Dalyellup. As such, the speed zoning of this section is under frequent review. The latest review raised the need to extend the 80 kilometre an hour zone to include the Hastie Road junction and to extend the 90 kilometre an hour zone to include the Harewoods Road junction. This change was recently implemented.