

BUSSELL HIGHWAY WIDENING — LAND ACQUISITION

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

I refer to the property owned by Mr Bob Webster—lots 1 and 2, Sussex location 2081/2670, Bussell Highway, Cowaramup.

- (1) What property is proposed for purchase, by negotiation or compulsory purchase, to widen Bussell Highway to install passing lanes at this point?
- (2) Will this be sufficient for a dual carriageway in the future?
- (3) Is it proposed to build in an underpass or install flashing lights on a supervised cattle crossing, as promised several years ago, for the farming business that operates on both sides of the highway?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?
- (5) Was permission obtained from the property owner recently for surveyors to enter the property?
- (6) If no to (5), why not?

Hon ADELE FARINA replied:

- (1) Land is being acquired from lots 1, 2 and 67 owned by R.W. and B.M. Webster. The land is being acquired under the compulsory provision of the Land Administration Act.
- (2) No. The land is being acquired for passing lanes.
- (3) No.
- (4) The Websters have ceased dairying operations, so an underpass or flashing lights are no longer applicable. Flashing lights were proposed as a trial. However, the farming operation no longer requires regular or daily crossing of the highway and is only used on an intermittent basis. Main Roads' preference is for the crossing to be closed and this will form part of the compensation negotiations.
- (5)-(6) Formal permission is not required. However, Main Roads' practice is that surveyors are required to notify landowners of their intention to enter their land to undertake surveying. In this particular instance, the contract surveyor may have failed to make prior contact. Main Roads has brought this to the surveyor's attention. Any distress this has caused the landowner is regretted.