

COALFIELDS HIGHWAY — UPGRADE

14. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. I will make one thing very clear: I do not make promises I cannot keep. How many more lives do we have to lose on this highway before the government keeps its election promise?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

Again, let me highlight a bit of the history.

Opposition members: You made a promise; you broke a promise!

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Yes, yes.

Opposition members: That's the history.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: Okay. Let us look at the history of the Collie Coalfields highway. Who does the opposition think built the section from Rowlands Road to the Wellington Dam turn-off? It was not a Labor government; it was a Liberal government. Who is now upgrading the balance of the Collie Coalfields highway? Who is upgrading it, member for Rockingham? Was it a Labor government with a local member who refused to ask a question about it, or was it a Liberal government?

Several members interjected.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: And that sort of language, member for Collie–Preston, is highly inappropriate.

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Mr T.R. BUSWELL: That sort of language is highly inappropriate, member for Collie–Preston. The sad reality, member for Collie–Preston, is that there are accidents on roads in Western Australia all the time, and we are working hard to invest money to make those roads safer, and Collie Coalfields highway is an excellent example.

Mr M.P. Murray: Lies, lies and lies.

Withdrawal of Remark

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, I suggest that you withdraw that remark.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: I withdraw.