

GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY, UPGRADE EAST OF KOOYONG ROAD, RIVERVALE

77. Hon NORM KELLY to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Was the widening and upgrade of the Great Eastern Highway east of Kooyong Road, Rivervale originally included in Main Roads' current 10-year program?
- (2) Were the works originally planned to commence in 2004?
- (3) Were representations of this intention made to local residents and businesses?
- (4) Has this work been deleted from Main Roads' 10-year program?
- (5) If yes, upon what basis has the Government withdrawn its commitment to the widening and upgrade project by 2004?
- (6) Have local residents and businesses been informed of the withdrawal of this commitment?
- (7) When are these works now due to commence?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

- (1),(4) The project is currently not in Main Roads' program of works. However, the yearly review of the program is currently under way and Main Roads will be examining ways in which to elevate the priority of this project.
- (2) Yes. In 1998, pre-construction works had been planned to commence in 2004.
- (3) Yes.
- (5) The timing of the project has been reassessed based on needs across the entire State and the prioritisation of other projects.
- (6) Main Roads discussed project timings with representatives of the City of Belmont in June 2000.
- (7) A commencement date is expected to be identified when the review of the road program is completed later this year.