

BREARLEY AVENUE, REDCLIFFE — CLOSURE

11. Hon SAMANTHA ROWE to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the answer to question without notice 1298, within which it is noted that the minister considered the option of retaining access to Brearley Avenue, Redcliffe, between Great Eastern Highway and First Avenue.

- (1) When was this option considered?
- (2) When was it decided that access would not be retained?
- (3) Why was it decided that the road would be closed in its entirety?

Hon JIM CHOWN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) This option was considered after concerns were raised by the member for Belmont, Glenys Godfrey, and local residents that the existing configuration of the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Coolgardie Avenue could not safely accommodate the additional right-turning traffic that would be generated by the closure of Brearley Avenue. Main Roads Western Australia developed a new design for the intersection of Great Eastern Highway and Coolgardie Avenue, which included right-turning pockets and modified traffic signals. This upgrade will improve safety at the intersection by providing protected right-turn movements from the highway into Coolgardie Avenue and will be in place before Brearley Avenue is closed in December 2016. The minister has announced that the closure of Brearley Avenue will not occur until the upgrade of Coolgardie Avenue is complete. The closure of Brearley Avenue is part of longer term plans to improve regional traffic flow around the major Great Eastern Highway–Tonkin Highway interchange to address the traffic congestion generated by Perth Airport.