



MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT; TRANSPORT; INNOVATION

Our Reference: 42-83965

Hon Rick Mazza MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates
and Financial Operations
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Mazza *Rick*

I write in relation to the Annual Report Hearings held on Wednesday 2 November 2016.

During the Main Roads Western Australia hearing you asked a question regarding lighting at the 24 hour rest area that has been developed near the Two Camel Creek bridge on Great Northern Highway in the Pilbara.

The Parliamentary Secretary, Hon Jim Chown MLC, inadvertently stated that the area would be lit, however I am informed that Main Roads does not provide lighting at 24 hour rest stops. This relates to the fact that the sites are generally very isolated, and therefore difficult to connect to mains power, and are often subject to vandalism and theft. The sites where Main Roads do provide lighting are the Road Train Assembly Areas, which require lighting for the safe assembly / breaking down of road train combinations.

I trust this clarifies the situation and apologise for any confusion.

Yours sincerely

**HON BILL MARMION MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

14 NOV 2016