Birralee Road Reconstruction

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for INSFRASTRUCTURE

Peter from Westbury asked when the next section of the western Birralee Road will be reconstructed, and when the reconstruction of the whole of Birralee Road will be completed. Is there funding allocated for the completion of the next section and the whole of the road? Two people have lost their lives on Birralee Road since 2018. When Peter raised concerns about that section with State Growth in 2018, he was told that significant stabilisation, patching and sealing was undertaken on the section of the road. It was terrible then, and even worse now. It requires a complete rebuild, not further repatching.

Despite the poor condition, Birralee Road was approved for B-double use and categorised as Category 2, Tasmania's major regional road for carrying heavy freight. It was later assessed as substandard in terms of width for intended operation as 26M, B-double and freight route by a highly qualified and experienced traffic engineer. What Austar rating is the completed section rated, and will the rest of the reconstruction be Category 3 or better?