

## Illawarra Road – Speed Limit and Truck Stop

### **Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE**

My question is on behalf of Illawarra Road land owners. Planning to upgrade Illawarra Road from a B Road to National Highway began in 2020 with the Public Works Committee approving a budget of \$80 million in 2022. The Committee was incorrectly advised that community consultation raised no major landowner concerns. Illawarra Road carries many slow moving farm vehicles, creating unresolved challenges for repurposing. Since a truck stop opened in early 2023, fast moving heavy vehicle traffic continues to increase significantly.

This project, due for completion last year, remains three quarters unchanged despite four years of requests from land owners and local councils. Based on safety and noise concerns, State Roads has rejected lowering the remaining 100 kilometres an hour speed limit to a uniform 90 kilometres an hour. A recent consultant's report proposing alternatives was also dismissed. Has the minister reviewed this report? Could the minister advise the House wide land owners' concerns and recommendations have been ignored?