

Illawarra Road – Farm Access Dangers

Ms BUTLER question to MINISTER for INFRASTRUCTURE and TRANSPORT

My constituent question is from Illawarra Road landowners. The 2015 reclassification of Illawarra Road into the highway network occurred without consultation or assessment of suitability and prior to the Perth Bypass. Perth Bypass travel time savings are negligible. Illawarra Road is primarily a working rural corridor used daily for moving machinery and stock. Overtaking lanes across property entrances and G-turns will force tractors and stock trucks to cross three lanes in 100 kph traffic. The large increase in heavy freight vehicles on this road greatly increases collision risk. On 30 October, the Illawarra Road landowners wrote to the minister requesting an onsite ministerial review to understand the dangers with farm access. Will the minister meet with landowners on site and review the project safety, risk and cost benefit to determine whether continuing this project remains viable and justified?