

TONKIN HIGHWAY STAGE 3

441. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Why will the minister not be up-front with the people of Darling Range, and let them that know that due to the government's savage cuts to state road funding it has no intention or ability to proceed with the project?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

Let us go through it. Record road spending—49 road projects either underway or planned at the moment. Member for Scarborough, did your candidate say that the former government had left that project shovel-ready in front of a community meeting?

Mrs L.M. Harvey: I wasn't at the meeting.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: You were not at that meeting! Talk about misrepresentation to the public of Darling Range! The Liberal Party stood up and said it was shovel-ready. "It is shovel-ready", it said. Well, it was not because the former government never progressed the planning because it did nothing! It let Tony Simpson and the public of Darling Range down!