

KARRATHA–DAMPIER ROAD — WIDENING

251. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the proposed widening of the Karratha–Dampier road north of Cinders Road in the area referred to as the cutting.

- (1) Will the minister table a map of the proposed expansion of the easement and any battering areas that may be proposed for this expansion?
- (2) What is the reason for the proposed widening or battering of the road beyond the current easement?
- (3) What has been done in respect of the proposed widening of the road impacting on the national heritage-listed area and its rock art?
- (4) What level of engagement in respect of the proposed widening of the road has been undertaken by the relevant government agencies with the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, which has a legal entitlement to land in the area under the terms of the Burrup and Maitland Industrial Estates Agreement?
- (5) If no engagement has been undertaken with the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation, why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes. I table the attached map.

[See paper 2045].

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: The answer continues —

- (2) Road safety.
- (3) Main Roads is following due process in seeking all necessary approvals required for this important safety project. Environmental studies were carried out in September 2003, and an environmental impact assessment was prepared in 2005 for the project after a comprehensive environmental study. As the proposed alignment impacted on Aboriginal heritage sites, section 18 approval was received in 2005 for the alignment. Dampier Highway continues on to Dampier Road, with Burrup Road forming a T-intersection. A clearing permit was received in 2006 for the whole project. Based on the studies in 2005, there was no need for federal referral to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts under the commonwealth Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, or to the state. The section of the road under discussion was listed as a national heritage area in July 2007. Design changes to the Burrup Road intersection, and the time lag between the original environmental assessment and the current planned works, resulted in an updated environmental impact assessment. Early in March 2010, DEWHA advised that stage 2, Dampier Highway – Burrup Road intersection, and stage 6, the causeway, required federal referral. A federal referral document to DEWHA was submitted on 15 March 2010. The section 18 approval required for the revised proposal for the Dampier Highway – Burrup Road intersection with Dampier Road continuing on to Burrup Road was submitted on 19 March 2010.
- (4) The Department of Indigenous Affairs has advised Main Roads that the Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation is represented by Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation—NAC, Yaburara and Coastal Mardudhunera—the YACMAC, —

Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich: You should at least practise it before you get it so that you can pronounce it properly!

Hon Norman Moore: Coming from you, that is a disgrace!

The PRESIDENT: Order! I am sure the minister will provide the spelling of those names to Hansard.

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN: I will give it to Hansard in writing. The answer continues —

Wong-Goo-Tt-Oo—WGT, and Yindjibandi, and all of these groups have been consulted during the heritage study.

- (5) Not applicable.