



ROADWISE Committee

City of Greater Geraldton, W.A.

P.O. Box 101

Geraldton WA 6531

Thursday 5th of December 2013

Dear Hon Troy Buswell BEc MLA

RE: SUPPORT FOR WUBIN-MULLEWA ROAD

On behalf of the RoadWise Committee of the City of Greater Geraldton, we express our support for the urgent need to upgrade the Mullewa Wubin Road between Mullewa and Morawa.

The 100km section of the Mullewa-Wubin road between Mullewa and Morawa is seen to be unsafe and in urgent need for upgrade by the Mullewa and surrounding communities. The road carries a high volume of traffic and is of substandard quality. It is the last single sealed road in the Midwest and users are faced with negotiating this dangerous stretch of road with farm machinery, grain cartage trucks, lime cartage, seed cleaning, fertilizer cartage, fuel trucks, touring vans and caravans in large numbers throughout tourist season, school buses, heavy vehicles, rail maintenance vehicles and road trains. To add to these dangers frequent large numbers of kangaroos as well as occasional livestock are often present on this narrow stretch of road that has vegetation close by due to it's narrow roadways.

The RoadWise Committee therefore wishes to advocate for a safer passage for the residents and travellers on this road. The City of Greater Geraldton RoadWise Committee supports any improvements to this stretch of road through funding that may be obtained from the State or Federal Government.

Thank you kindly for your attention to this matter.

On behalf of the City of Greater Geraldton RoadWise Committee

Yours faithfully

Bob Hall

Councillor & Chairperson



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Hon Troy Buswell BEc MLA
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WEST PERTH
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Dear Minister Buswell,

SUPPORT FOR THE MULLEWA-WUBIN ROAD

As a manager within the local government authority (the City of Greater Geraldton), I seek to draw your attention to 100km section of the Mullewa-Wubin road (between Mullewa and Morawa).

This road has been highlighted by the Mullewa community several times as requiring attention, owing to its single lane nature, but disproportionate volume of traffic. The Mullewa Wubin Road is the principal road between Mullewa and Morawa for residential and tourist traffic, but sees seasonal spikes in traffic due to agricultural activities such as harvesting, and increasing usage by mining operations.

I have personally travelled this road numerous times in the course of my duties, and attest to it being a significant risk, especially when facing oncoming traffic.

The Morawa to Perenjori section of the Mullewa Wubin road is already scheduled to be upgraded, but I seek your consideration to permit this upgrade to continue North, from Morawa to Mullewa.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours faithfully

Brendan Wilson
DISTRICT MANAGER

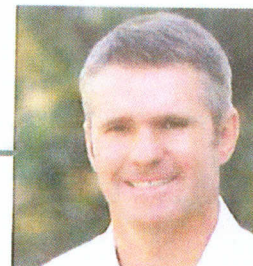


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Hon Troy Buswell BEc MLA
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Dear Treasurer,

I am writing to draw your attention to the urgent need to upgrade sections of the Mullewa – Wubin Road.

Sections of the 100kms section of Mullewa-Wubin road, between Mullewa and Morawa, are seen to be unsafe and are considered an upgrade priority by the Mullewa community.

The Government has already committed funds between Morawa and Perenjori but the Mullewa community would like a commitment to widen and upgrade this last single lane sealed road in the Midwest region.

I am writing in support of this request by the Mullewa community. This road carries a large volume of traffic, including a significant number of trucks involved in mining and agricultural activities. The approaching harvest will add to the quantity of trucks operating on this road and increase the risk to safety. Deliberations in relation limiting access to Tier 2 rail lines should also take into consideration the impact on this road's traffic.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

Ian Blayney MLA
Member for Geraldton

Ian Blayney - Delivering 'Royalties for Regions' to Geraldton and the Midwest

Pindar Progress Association
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Mullewa WA 6630



Dear Hon Troy Buswell BEc MLA

RE: SUPPORT FOR WUBIN-MULLEWA ROAD

As President of Pindar Progress Association Inc (PPA) I would like to express our support for any improvements/upgrades on the Mullewa Wubin Road between Mullewa and Morawa. PPA is an active group that covers the area from Pindar to Tardun in the district of Mullewa and the City of Greater Geraldton. All our residents are regular travellers on the Mullewa-Morawa Road and frequently express how dangerous it is.

PPA has been working closely with the City of Greater Geraldton and with their help we are making our gravel roads in the area safer for our residents and community to travel on. We observe bitumen works have been completed on less travelled roads in the District of Mullewa and question the continual avoidance of the upgrade residence are seeking on the 100km stretch between Mullewa and Morawa.

PPA has received many positive feedbacks from residents that feel safer when driving on the Yuna-Mullewa Road and the Mingenew-Mullewa Road due to the higher safety standards. The improvement of these roads has been funded through the Roads to Recovery incentive approved with far less regular users than the Mullewa -Morawa Road.

The 100kms between Mullewa and Morawa is the last single sealed road in the Midwest and for many of our residents it is a dangerous road where users are continually negotiating with heavy vehicles, caravans, mine vehicles, rail vehicles and farm machinery. Some residents are avoiding the Wubin-Mullewa altogether due to near misses they've encountered and instead are choosing longer routes to their destination for pure safety reasons.

PPA supports any improvements through funding that the state and federal government can obtain for this section of substandard road to create a safer passage for all ongoing road users.

Kind regards



Deb Kerkmans
President
Pindar Progress Association Inc



Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Fisheries

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Mr K Diehm
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Diehm

I refer to your predecessor's letter of 3 April 2013 addressed to the Minister for Transport on behalf of residents seeking the upgrade and maintenance of the Wubin – Mullewa Road, in particular, the Mullewa to Morawa section. Minister Buswell has asked that I respond on his behalf.

Funding is continually being sought from various works programs available to upgrade the Wubin – Mullewa Road and works are being undertaken each year as funding permits. However, due to the relatively low traffic volumes of the Mullewa to Morawa section of road, it is difficult to attract funding at the expense of higher usage roads with similar defects.

Main Roads has carried out a review of deficiencies along the Wubin – Mullewa Road and has created a prioritised list of sections requiring improvement that will form the basis of further submissions for funding.

I am pleased to advise that \$20 million in funding has been confirmed to reconstruct the single lane seal between Perenjori and Morawa with half of these funds provided from the Royalties for Regions Program. It has been agreed in principle with the Department of Regional Development and Lands that any surplus funds at the completion of this project can be directed to the Morawa to Mullewa section.

Shoulder maintenance works are currently in progress over a 40 kilometre section north of Morawa to complement the recent similar works carried out by Council south of Mullewa. Works were also completed early last year to upgrade 14 kilometres on priority sections of narrow seal on crests and curves to a two lane seal.

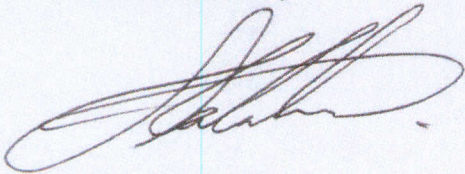
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It might also interest you to know that heavy vehicle traffic from the Brookfield rail upgrade project has now ceased.

You may be assured that Main Roads will continue to monitor the condition of the gravel shoulders between Mullewa and Morawa and arrange the repair of safety defects as part of the agency's normal maintenance process.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Samuel Calabrese', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Samuel Calabrese
SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR

03 MAY 2013