



# DRIVING CHANGE FOR SAFETY

Pinjarra-Williams Road

Community Engagement Report



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## BACKGROUND

The community of the Shire of Boddington have ongoing and significant concerns about the safety of travel between Boddington and Dwellingup.

The volume of trucks on this road (over 30% over the total vehicles), coupled by recent changes to speed limits and the removal of a number of stretches of broken white lines, further reducing opportunities for overtaking, has created an untenable mix of hazards. This has increased the risk of another tragedy on the road, which already has a long list of serious accidents and fatalities.

The Shire of Boddington and its community, is requesting the State Government of Western Australia to allocate funding to both improve the road to allow the reinstatement of overtaking opportunities and to install a number of passing lanes along this 50km stretch of road.

To inform this project, the Shire undertook community consultation to better understand the needs of road users. The results of the consultation are contained within this document, and present a compelling need for change. Such change will ensure that families, workers, and visitors, who travel along this road, are safe and reach their destination.





## What do you feel is a reasonable distance to wait to overtake a slow moving vehicle?

"The slow trucks don't annoy me. I wait about 50meters behind a slow-moving vehicle then "take a run up" to spend a little time on the wrong side of the road".

**"10kms" "2-5"kms"**

"I don't overtake slow moving vehicles due to the windy roads and other drivers' behaviour - I rather stay on 80km/h all the way to Dwellingup."

"10km, most drivers will wait if they know they have" a safe overtaking lane ahead that is within a reasonable distance."

**"15-20kms"**

"There are adequate places to overtake if the initial overtaking dotted lines were not taken away since the road widening. There is a long distance to travel before the first dotted lines once you have past the Marradong-Bannister/ Pinjarra Williams Rd intersection west bound. A good 15+ kms to the powerline dotted line section with several good straights now double lined."

"At any time of the year, there could be any number of B double trucks on the road. A reasonable wait would be 5 kms."

"If there is clearly no oncoming traffic."

"When forward vision is clear, remaining behind could cause excessive braking when another vehicle is traveling at or below designated speed."

**"5-10kms" "1km" "5kms"**

"It depends on what speed you have been slowed down to. If you are down to 20-30kph in the 100kph zone, then not long. If your speed has been reduced to 80 or 90kph then you should have the patience to wait until the next passing opportunity."

"5 kms to wait would be safer. Newmont trucks slow moving loaded and fast moving unloaded and unsafe over taking."



## What do you feel is a reasonable distance to wait to overtake a slow moving vehicle?

"On that road you could never overtake or, if others never overtake, then you're stuck the whole way even to Pinjarra. The markings are way too long. It could take 15/20mins or more extra driving time due to slow drivers."

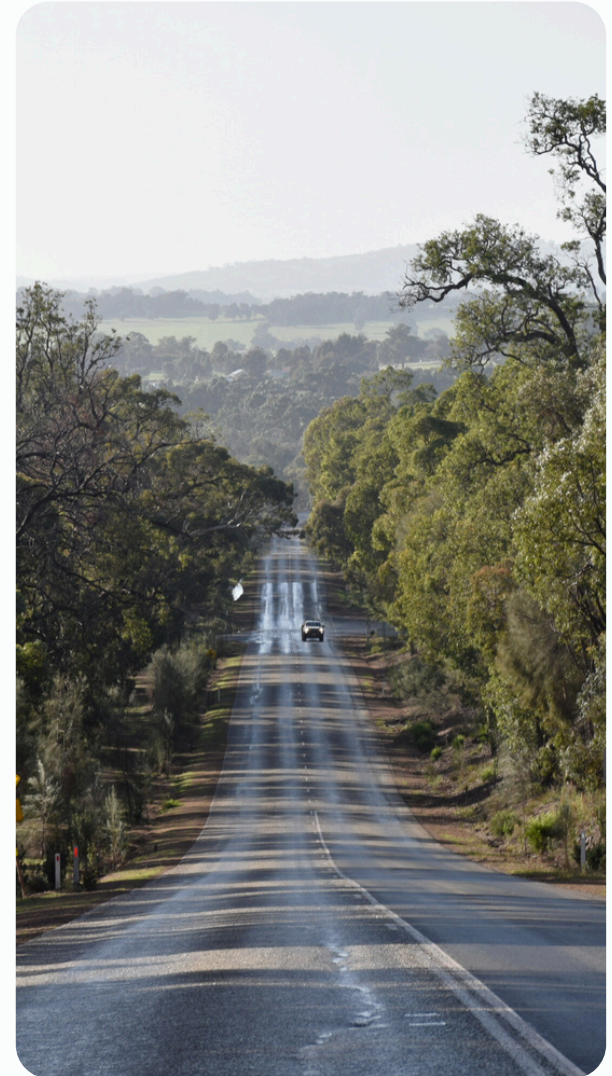
"5-10km. Slow vehicle turn off points are also a great way of assisting without the same cost of installing overtaking lanes, trucks, trailers/towing, buses etc. anything not doing the 100km limit should be enforced to pull over to allow traffic to pass safely."

"Only doing 20km/h by the time they get to the top of some hills. 3 minutes. 5km at 100km/h."

"It's mainly before and after shift change time at the mines. Speed and overtaking on double lines is common."

"Vehicles are doing between 20km/h and 60km/h below the speed limit."

**"Given the trucks on the road there needs to be more overtaking lanes or additional lanes added both ways."**



Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"People overtaking on less safe areas due to no safe opportunities being present. Convoys of caravans travelling at 70-80km/h."

"I have attended several road crashes in my role as SES Road Crash Team Member and I know a lot of people are still overtaking on the double white lines that have replaced the overtaking dotted lines since widening the road with the excuse, they were safe to overtake once, what has changed apart from the road being upgraded."

"Add more double lines where there shouldn't be doesn't help. Dropping speed is not a fix as well put 80km you only need a few people die being impatient. Road is good now with all up grades but put two more overtake lanes that was supposed to happen. People over trees thanks."

"Have seen dangerous attempts to overtake bauxite trucks."

"Impatient drivers over taking on double lines and bends, with no view ahead."

**"A lot of big hills, takes truck along time to get up them, then drivers take chances of getting around them."**

"I have seen an unbelievable number of situations (over 30) of people having to overtake on double white lines due to the fact all overtaking lanes have been removed with the new roadworks that have been completed."

"I have been passed quite a few times in unsafe areas that have double quite lines."





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"Four people overtaking on double lines. People having to travel behind slow moving vehicles are losing patience then overtaking."

"Every 5-shift swing that I drive to work I encounter at least 3-4 acts of risky behaviour on the road. Whether it is from people getting impatient with slow trucks and lack of opportunities to overtake and overtaking in risky spots or just acts of stupidity."

**"Many times I have seen the aftermath of accidents or been diverted away from this road due to accidents. Road trains sway and throw up water/rocks making it difficult to pass."**

"Cars are constantly overtaking on double white lines well over speed limit. I have seen at least 3 fatalities and about the same serious accidents over the years I've been travelling. Hearing stories all the time from my colleagues about the near misses the encounter travelling this stretch of road."

"I was a first attender at a double fatality! I'm an RN in ED. I had to perform CPR & lead bystanders to perform CPR on a deceased person. Try not to traumatise members of the public any more than they were already, they worked with the ambulance crews to try to lessen the impact."

"There have been several times I have had to brake hard and move off the road to avoid traffic overtaking in the opposite direction."

"Cars passing slower vehicles over double white lines and just getting back on their side of the road in time to miss oncoming traffic."



Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"About 3 years ago I had a near miss whilst driving towards Pinjarra, on the Pinjarra Williams Road, Dwellingup side of Burnside Road Nr Pinjarra, driving towards a bend where a vehicle pulled out to overtake 3 other vehicles in front of it on a bend. I had nowhere to go to avoid a collision. I have an alarm system on my vehicle and due to the closeness of the oncoming vehicle the alarms were activated as I braked as hard as I could. The oncoming vehicle managed to slow down enough to move back behind the other three vehicles, before again pulling out to overtake the vehicles in front of it. I was extremely lucky. Every time I approach the bend, I am reminded of how close I had come to either a very serious accident or to losing my life. There are other instances of people overtaking regardless of either approaching a hill or a blind bend. The speed limits are not working. Some drivers have no regard to whether there are broken white lines or not and, some have said so on platforms like Facebook and Twitter."

"A truck speeding through roadworks and flicked gravel at my car resulting in cracked windscreen and headlight."

"A few weeks ago, heading towards Boddington cemetery, a white car speeding overtook me and car in front and several oncoming cars had to pull over to avoid collision. I pulled over too to avoid being in possible head on."

"Many times, oncoming people passing unsafely. No one adheres to roadworks speed limits after hours."

**"People overtaking on double white lines. A lot of safe passing sections were removed during road works."**





Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"Every time you drive on the road there are cases that could be mentioned. Trucks doing 30/40km/h below the limit which is to be expected at times on the road, however, it causes people to do silly things."

"Having worked and currently working in the Boddington Shire for the past 15+ years and traveling this road I have seen a lot of accidents, near misses, and bad driving. We see road works happening for widening the current road, so why would you not spend the extra to put in more overtaking lanes surely it wouldn't take that much more."

"Because the overtaking lanes have been reduced and are further spaced apart. Slow-moving trucks cause frustration among drivers, so they are either taking risks e.g. overtaking on double white lines (where the same stretch of road was previously an overtaking lane) or when they come to an overtaking lane multiple cars are being overtaken and every inch of the lane being used."

"Comes down to people's aggressive driving."

"Numerous incidents of people overtaking on hills, bends, and one near head-on with another vehicle coming toward Boddington."

**"Multiple times I have witnessed cars crossing double unbroken white lines on winding portions of road to pass trucks, caravans and vehicles with trailers."**



Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"Responded to numerous vehicle accidents on this road."

**"Almost every time I drive on that stretch of road, I witness a near miss or an incident. The situation is always a driver attempting to overtake a slow-moving vehicle."**

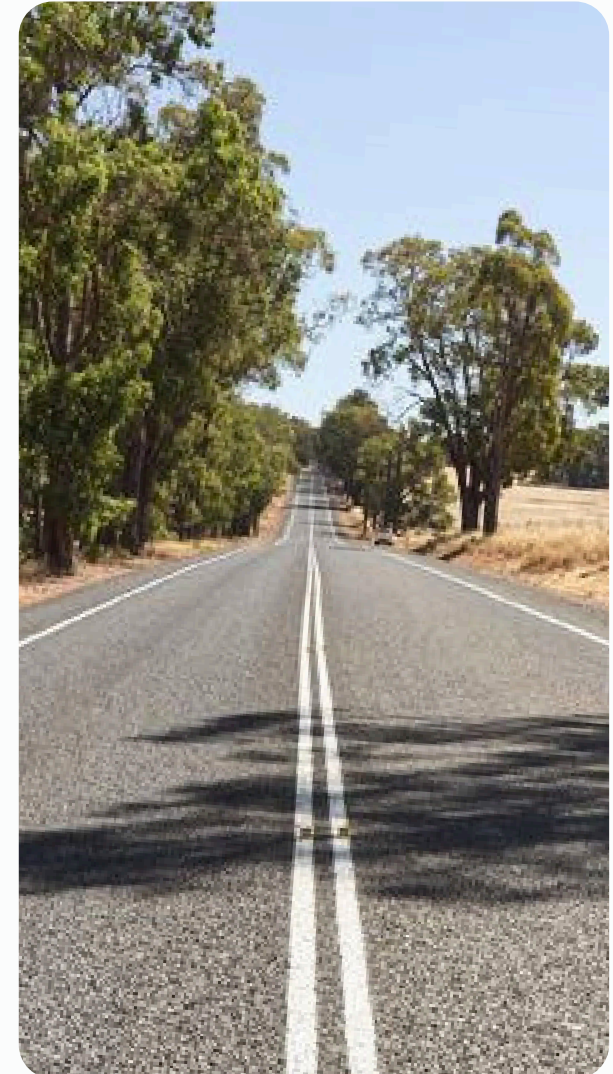
"Co-worker was killed on the road a couple of years ago on his way home."

"I was driving towards Pinjarra from Boddington when I was slowed to roughly 40/60kmph behind a slow-moving truck. This had created about 10 cars behind me. During the one small opportunity to overtake as I went to move out of my lane, a car from behind went to speed past but, an oncoming car had appeared and had to squeeze in between the truck and myself."

"I see probably 1 - 2 close calls a week. Mostly overtaking on double white lines (especially since several locations were changed from overtaking opportunities to double lines). I have come across 3 serious crashes while driving to and from work."

"An oncoming car drifted onto opposite lane at approximately 0545hrs in the morning on 11/1/2023. This occurred on a sweeping bend at Marradong. I swerved heavily to avoid collision. I was significantly shaken by this encounter. I regularly (once or twice a week) see light vehicle drivers overtake road trains on sections of double white line."

"Numerous incidents of cars overtaking on double white lines due to frustration of no overtaking areas."





Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"There are countless times I have witnessed near misses between vehicles over taking in areas that are not designed for overtaking. I've seen it literally over 50 times in the past 2 years I have been travelling this road - there is always sudden breaking and emergency merging. I have also seen vehicles run off the road to avoid a collision twice."

**"I've witness numerous drivers over taking the gold mine trucks in the areas that used to be overtaking zones and still should be."**

"Driving home in the evening in the rain, it was dark. A mine van was overtaking a truck on a corner with double lines. I had my two children in a hatchback and had to brake very suddenly and try to move off to the side so I didn't collide with the van who almost collided with the side of the truck. Dangerous enough in the dark and rain let alone on a corner with double lines."

"Driving home from Dwellingup, I witnessed 2 vehicles overtake a bus on double lines (first one then about 7 km later another). I reported this to Boddington police."

"I have seen way too many near misses of cars trying to overtake and not having enough time. I drive this road regular, and it seriously scares me. Country roads are dangerous enough as it is. This road, despite upgrades is worse than it was before. Dotted lines were taken away and speed limit lowered. This makes drivers frustrated and impatient, and I've seen too many vehicles crossing on double lines. The reasonable solution in the first place was an overtaking lane or two would be better! If you get stuck behind a gold mine truck, there's an extra 30 minutes on your travel!"



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"Various near misses due to vehicles overtaking."

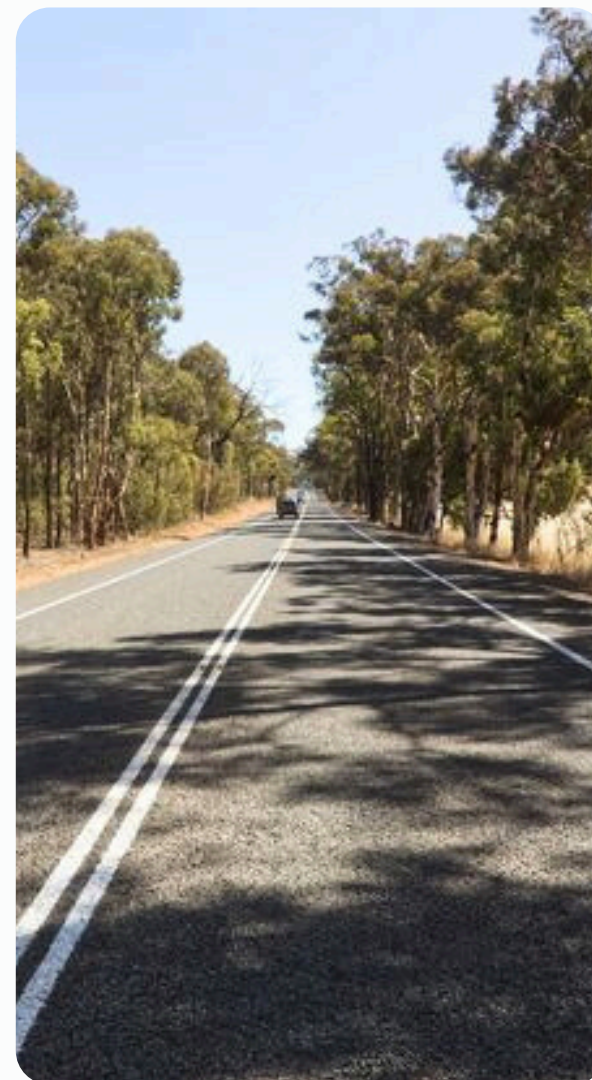
"I had a near miss towing my loaded horse float home towards Boddington. Sitting on 100km/h, I was overtaken on double white lines on a bend. There was a car coming from opposite direction and we both had to pull onto verge to prevent an accident occurring."

"Drivers taking risks at passing slow moving vehicles on double white lines due to no passing areas, where they use to be able to pass."

"I witnessed a vehicle almost rolling over. The driver swerved onto gravel shoulder, corrected and swung out onto right hand side of road, both left side tyres came up off the ground, car did correct itself and continued on."

"I have been overtaken on double white lines on this road numerous times. Sometimes the vehicle that has overtaken me on double white lines have overtaken numerous other vehicles in the same overtaking manoeuvre with limited to no visibility."

"Frequently travel behind cars that travel 10-20km/h below the speed limit where they also frequently reduce their speed at any bend or turn on the road where it isn't necessary. Lots of tailgating from impatient drivers even when we are travelling as designated speed, who then overtake at times where it's not safe."





Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

**"Constantly seeing people overtake on double white lines due to previous areas that where dotted lines for no apparent reason. There are worse sections still having dotted lines while the safer sections have changed."**

"I have witnessed multiple near misses during the last year, where people are overtaking the road trains and other slow-moving vehicles just before bends in the road."

"Many times I have witnessed near misses where people have passed or have tried to pass slower vehicles on double white lines as well as on blind corners. A lot of these times, it is due to lack of safe passing areas where people are stuck behind slow vehicles like loaded trucks or people towing."

"Overtaking on double white lines and speeding on numerous occasions. This mainly occurs after 4pm heading towards Boddington and after 6pm heading west towards Pinjarra."

"Turning into Lower Hotham, cars overtake - generally over the double lines as they head up the crest of a hill towards Dwellingup. Other instances that I have seen; a car overtake a slow coms truck that had moved over but was heading up over the cemetery hill just out of Boddington. That car almost hit another truck coming into Boddington, it was pretty close and scary."



Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

**"Some of the best/safest overtaking sections have been removed and consequently overtaking manoeuvres are carried out on some of the remaining unsafe sections of broken lines or over double lines."**

"There are multiple accounts of vehicles unsafely overtaking due to limited opportunities to do so safely. The recent works have removed overtaking opportunities along straight stretches and the reduction in speed limit from 110km/h to 100km/h. This doesn't enable good enough run up for the driver overtaking."

"Cars stuck for long periods of time behind loaded trucks that can only travel at speeds between 60 and 70 kms/h. I have personally been in a line-up of over 10 cars."

"Every time I travel, I get overtaken on double white lines with the driver not having a clear enough view ahead in my eyes."

"People overtaking on double white lines and people riding your bumper. Impatient drivers."

"Since you took away the spots that used to be for overtaking, people get impatient sitting behind caravans and mine trucks. Drivers now overtake on the now double white lines and close to corners."

"I have seen and been involved in multiple near misses on this road. Many of these times have been a vehicle overtaking a truck on a limited vision stretch of road and the oncoming traffic have had to break significantly to avoid collision."





Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

"FIFO drivers have now reduced my travel to Dwellingup with their attitude. PTSD has increased."

**"Car overtook 5 cars plus truck on double white lines coming up a hill! Speed was in excess of 120km/h. Couldn't see what was coming over the hill."**

"Too many to count."

"Had lots of near misses mainly involving trucks and drivers trying to pass long trucks. There are very few places where you can safely overtake trucks."

"Multiple overtaking near misses due to large trucks moving slowly (under 50km/h) and vehicle line ups 10 cars long waiting to pass."

"Only this week I had some incoming traffic that overtook on a double white line."

"Several years ago, I was driving to Boddington and was behind a vehicle that rolled directly in front of me. This was due to a driver behind me becoming impatient and overtaking on double lines coming up to a hill. During the years of driving to Boddington on a regular basis, I have witnessed many unsafe practices mostly due to driver stupidity."

"Cars overtaking side tippers on double white lines. I have witnessed this situation more than 5 times over the last 6 months."



## COMMUNITY VOICES

Do you have an example of an incident or near miss that you have witnessed or been involved in on this stretch of road, that you would like to share?

**"I manage the Boddington SES Road Accident Rescue Unit. We have an increase in call outs since the current double white line extensions and the increase in Heavy Truck use on the road."**

"Yes, 2 in the last fortnight for me. While being overtaken, the overtaking car hasn't completed the manoeuvre until halfway around the next bend."

"Cars often go above the speed limit. A lot of traffic during the early mornings (pre-dawn owing to the mine sites), plus a lot of cars and unpredictable fauna interactions increase the risk."





## Do you have any further comments?

"Multiple incidents of overtaking on double white lines since the removal of safe overtaking areas."

"Put in overtaking lanes at least one."

"The road is totally unsafe and is used by heavy mining vehicles which are very slow and some people become very impatient."

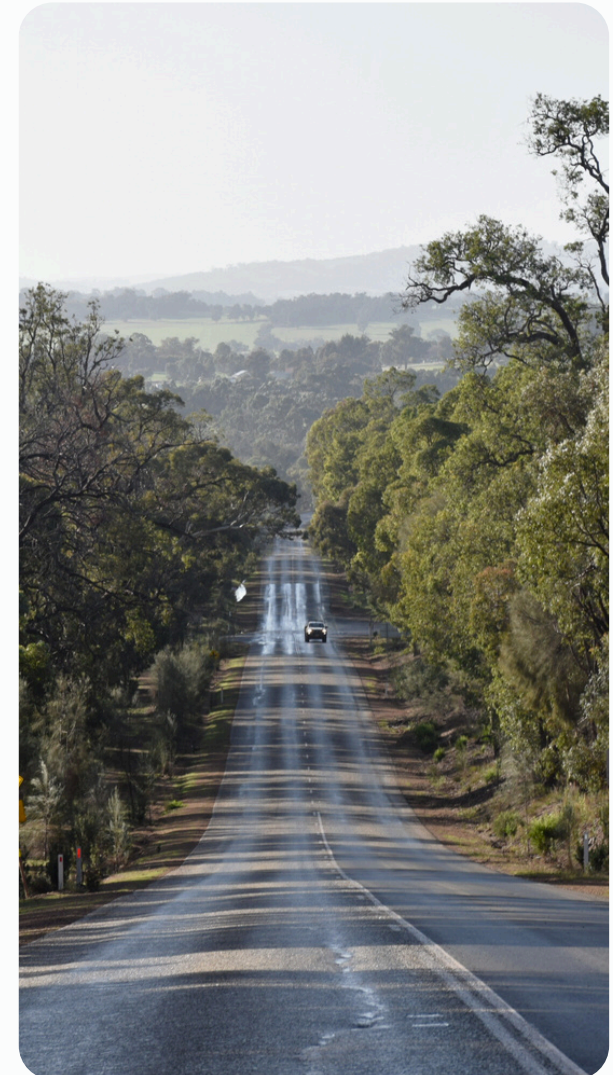
"The road surface is very uneven from the centre line. This holds water, so when it rains, it makes it very easy to aqua plane and cause accidents."

"Add more double lines where there shouldn't be doesn't help dropping speed. This is not a fix. You only need a few people to die being impatient. It needs more overtake lanes."

"The road is far from adequate for the type and volume of traffic creating impatience."

"The road trains leaving the mine sites regularly slow down to 20-30km/h to climb hills. If this is the case, they are clearly too heavy. There is constant damage being done to the roads. I would also like to add that the standard of the roadworks on this road is a disgrace and whoever's job it is to inspect and sign off on this should be held accountable."

**"I do commend you to pursue this because it's very dangerous."**



## Do you have any further comments?

"Very few overtaking opportunity's as most overtaking areas are now double white lines causing frustration for drivers."

"It doesn't make sense to widen a road and then not only drop the speed limit by 10km/h but, remove a lot of overtaking sections that were once in place. With the heavy haulage on the road, some of those old overtaking sections should be reinstated. A perfect example of this is the uphill climb after the corner west side of Hotham Farm. This is a long straight of road that was once an overtaking dotted lined section and a perfect opportunity to be able to overtake a slower moving trucks and caravans that has since, been taken away. There is another section just past this area where there is an old mine site access road, which is also double lined on a good long straight. There are still dotted lines on the yet unwidened section of road that shouldn't be dotted lines due to the short distance and sharp corners either end of the section. I think this road has become more unsafe since the road widening and improvements started."

"The changes to line markings have reduced opportunities for passing as well."

"There are sections of the road just to the west of the bauxite mine that used be overtaking areas. They now have double white lines preventing this."

**"Any changes that can be made, such as the addition of one or two overtaking lanes would contribute significantly to the safety of travelling on this road."**





## Do you have any further comments?

"Urgent attention is required with major improvements approved as a priority."

"Due to some motorist's attitude to the road rules or other road users, I would like to see a greater Police presence on the road, or alternatively Speed Cameras. Unmarked cars would be an asset to justifying the complaints by observing first hand driver behaviour."

"Needs a lot more overtaking lanes."

"Speed cameras are definitely needed."

"I recommend adding overtaking lanes, widening the roads/fencing. Road conditions upgraded."

"I'm really surprised that more people don't die on this road. More overtaking lanes is a must!"

"Yes, bring back the broken lines, and passing lanes, so the traffic can flow steady again. The speed limit needs to go back to 110km/h."

**"It's time for overtaking lanes. The road work they are doing at the moment do not look safe. The side of road verge has a big dip in it doesn't feel or look safe. I hope I never have to swerve to the left and end up in the embankment."**



## Do you have any further comments?

"If it is not broken, don't interfere with what is working. It seems to me that every time they upgrade the roads these days, they must be making them more dangerous. If not, why are they dropping the speed limits that have been there even when the roads were still gravel?"

"There were multiple safe overtaking areas previously that are now double white lines. These need to be reinstated ASAP to allow for safe overtaking."

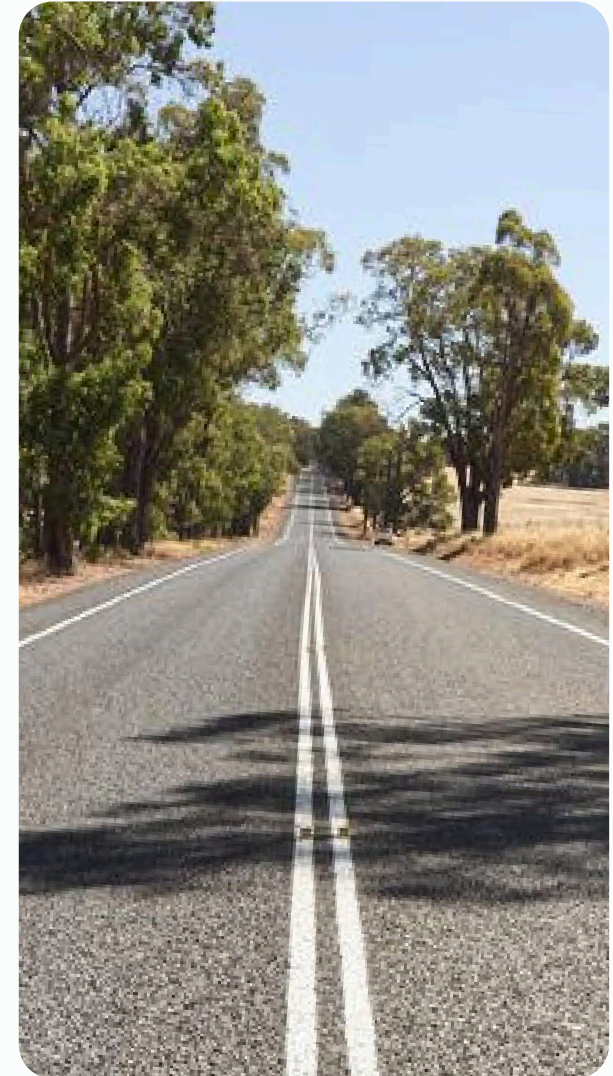
"Please put in more overtaking lanes in both directions. More dotted lines are needed."

"I think the 100Km/h speed limit is well warranted. This road is too limited in the condition it is currently in. A lot of work needs to be done to make very safe."

"The road was better before Main Roads took out some of the passing areas (broken lines)."

"Need restrictions on road trains at start (5am to 9am) and end (4pm to 7pm) of business/school hour."

**"Having better overtaking options for slow moving trucks would be extremely beneficial as this is the main reason that people take risks and overtake unsafely on this road."**





## Do you have any further comments?

"Just need more overtaking lanes."

"Increase the speed back to 110km/h and put back the removed passing zones. Create more areas to pass the slow-moving trucks before there are a serious accident."

"The road between Dwellingup and Boddington used to have several reasonable opportunities for passing with dotted lines of any oncoming traffic. Some of these were on hills with long straights - where heavy truck traffic would naturally slow on ascent and provide a perfect passing opportunity. The recent roadworks have taken these safe passing areas away and replaced with double white lines. This results in a long line of traffic sitting behind a heavy vehicle doing 20km/h up a hill. Clear sight lines showing no oncoming traffic and not being allowed to pass due to the new double white lines which have been installed. Once the HV gets to the top and crests the hill, it then speeds up and is accelerating into the next allowable passing opportunity. Many of which do not have sight of these lines as clear as those that have been taken away, or as much distance to pass - restricting the ability of all the traffic behind to pass safely. Many drivers become frustrated at this and undertake unsafe passing manoeuvres - or passing manoeuvres which (now) are deemed illegal, although they are actually safe and used to be legal in these places."

**"This is an extremely (& the only) well used route! Because of local industry also more than average heavy slow-moving trucks. More overtaking lanes are critical to road safety!"**



## Do you have any further comments?

"Fix the roads and add the overtaking lanes back in on the longer straights. There is one overtaking lane heading back to Dwellingup from Boddington that is situated on a bend that is extremely dangerous. Organise times for mine trucks to leave site ie: after 6:30pm as it makes it incredibly dangerous trying to overtake them on the way home from work with little-to-non decent overtaking lanes."

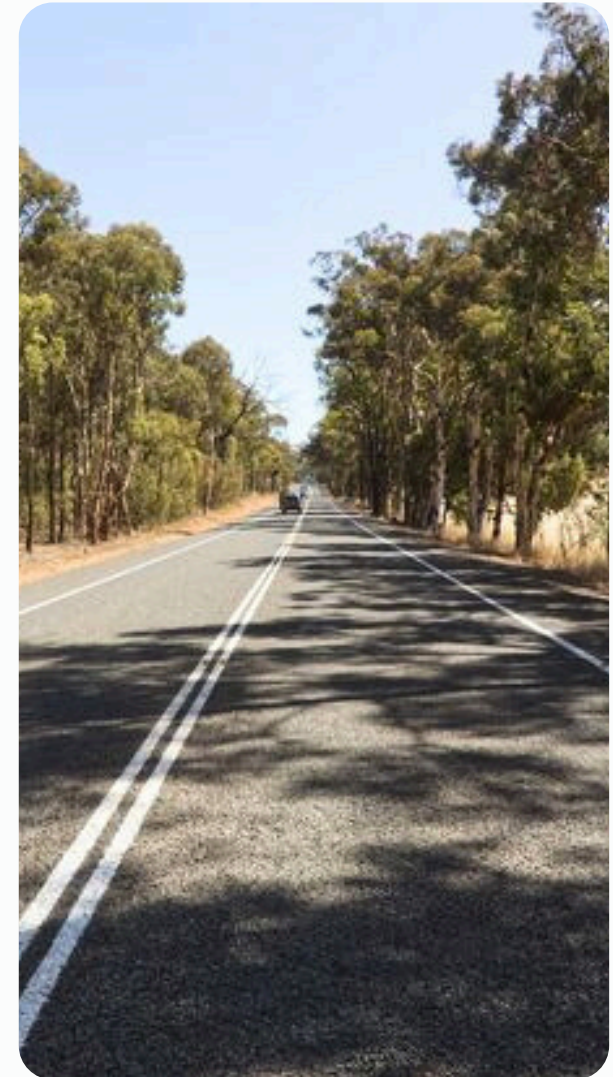
"People regularly travel this road heavily fatigued before and after long 12.5+ hour shift work. The narrow, winding road, coupled with fatigue and slow-moving haulage trucks leads to a dangerous journey. I regularly see light vehicles overtake heavy haulage trucks on double white lines and blind corners."

"Action really needs to be taken sooner rather than wait for a death to occur."

"Most frustrating road to travel on with all the trucks. With all the road works that have been going on you would have thought it would have been a good time to add overtaking lanes."

"Overtaking lanes need to be constructed on these roads to eliminate people getting injured or killed Increase speed back to 110km/h."

**"More overtaking lanes needed ASAP. There are mining and heavy loaded trucks running continually daily. Install overtaking lanes and save lives!"**





## Do you have any further comments?

"The mine trucks travelling that road are causing a hazard. There are several spots between Marradong and Dwellingup where these trucks can only achieve 20km/h up the hills. The dramatic change in speed, I believe, is dangerous and a massive cause of frustration for drivers which may be contributing to an increased number of dangerous overtakes. When you come around a sweeping bend at 100km/h, and suddenly there is a truck in front of you doing 20km/h you have to brake quite hard to pull up in time. When I'm driving along behind one at 20km/h I feel that I'm at risk of someone driving into the back of me. I think there needs to be more overtaking lanes between Marradong & Etmilyn and also the mining trucks should be required to maintain a minimum speed of 80km/h along that road (whether that be from lightening their loads or up spacing their trucks)."

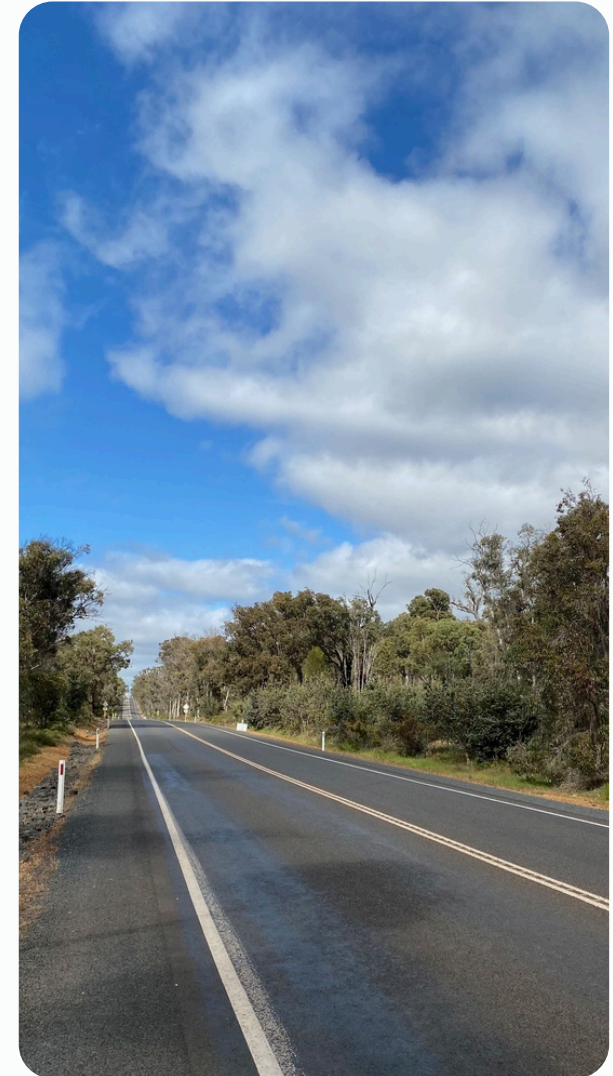
**"Make the road safer and secure for all that use it."**

"Most incidents are due to people who are already speeding and are impatient to wait behind a slow-moving vehicle."

"Please just put in more designated overtaking lanes/stretches of road so that road users can pass each other safely."

"I believe we have been very lucky over the years with how often this road is used but we can stay lucky forever and the conditions and frustrations are getting worse."

"The trucks that slow to a crawl need to let normal traffic pass them. It just breeds a dangerous situation no one wants to have to sit behind them."



## Do you have any further comments?

"A lot of caravans to pass also who only do 80km/h and cause frustration."

"Many times, people overtake on double lines which were in fact not previously double lines but have since been removed although no hazards exist. Some areas without double lines are not long enough to overtake."

**"There used to be more overtaking areas. Since the last road upgrade double white lines are a constant resulting in the current lack of safety."**

"The road train drivers currently using the road are some of the most courteous truck drivers I have seen. Right or wrong they will do their best to get off the road and allow traffic to pass."

"Put in at least 3 over taking lanes each way."

"Rated the road safety low due to the lack of overtaking opportunities and driver behaviours. A minority of people appear to be impatient and overtake in areas that aren't always appropriate. I find the road conditions themselves well maintained and in good condition."

"Recent maintenance on the road removed broken white lines where it seemed safe to pass and replaced them with double lines extending travel time between safe passing opportunities."





## Do you have any further comments?

"Main Roads need to quit making drawn out road work situations expanding the roads and not considering the population increases in the future. It's like whoever's designing these country road "upgrades" has never driven on them before. Main Roads need to sort their federal/state budgets out so you're not wasting tax payers money on pointless "upgrades" and creating more safety issues."

"Reducing the speed limit was not the answer. 110km/h was acceptable when the major cause of incidents and near misses on the road is due to the lack of overtaking lanes."

"More people will die if something doesn't change soon - we need more overtaking lanes, no one will disagree with that statement."

"Mining companies should pay the cost not taxpayers / they do not support local communities."

"There is an approximately 15km stretch of highway with no opportunity to overtake from Marradong to west of the Hedges Road intersection, where previously there were several safe overtaking areas. This is a heavy haulage route with numerous slow-moving vehicles which could add 15 minutes to the normally 30-minute drive to Dwellingup."

"If you can't add passing lanes, enhance the roads where there are or corners going up hills wider so trucks can move over and allow vehicles to pass."

**"Drivers get frustrated behind slow vehicles, they get reckless."**



## Do you have any further comments?

"The steep incline by the Boddington cemetery is a typical point of frustration for a lot of drivers, where the road trains creep uphill at 5km/h. It would make sense to create a separate road train lane through the forest to avoid bottle necks in the traffic and reduce the number of dangerous overtakes."

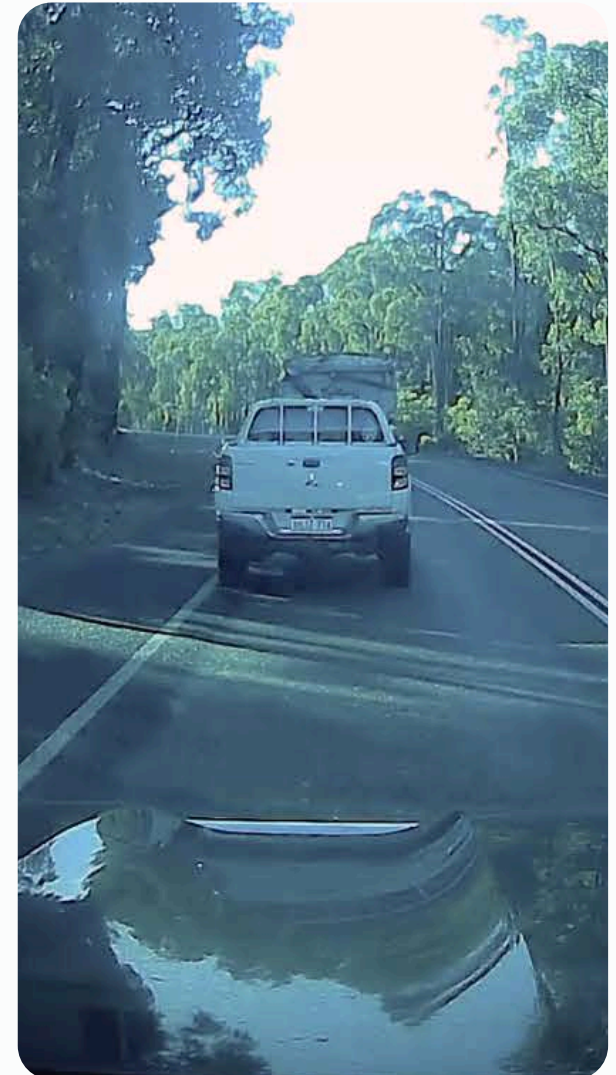
"More pullover opportunities for trucks and more overtaking lanes of length would help to improve the situation."

"Install over taking lanes and put speed limit back to 110km/h."

"Definitely need a couple more overtaking lanes."

"Reinstating some of the previous sections of broken lines would be an easy and cost-effective solution. It is quite obvious that some overtaking areas were removed based on topographical survey alone. To drive the sections of road would have perhaps been a better assessment."

**"The overtaking lanes up-hill where the road is straight, and vision is good should be reinstated. Some of the dangerous overtaking sections remained and the good ones have been placed with double white lines. Overtaking lanes would be preferable given the twisting nature of the road."**



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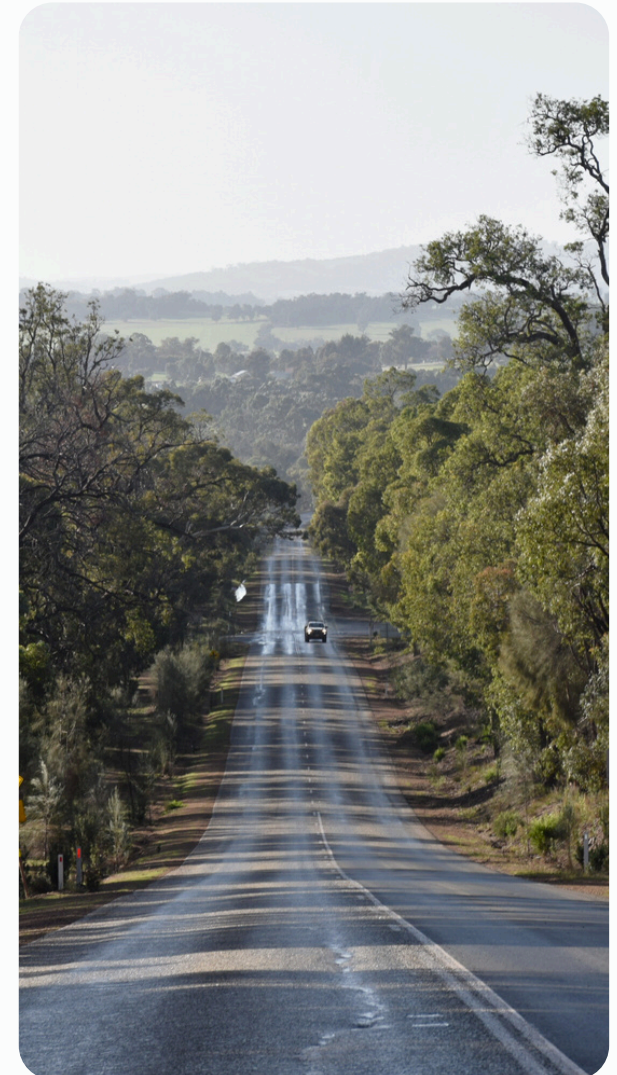
"It used to be a lovely scenic drive from Dwellingup to Marradong. Now, with the trees chopped down and the road widened, it's a racetrack. I also suggest the larger 75-tonne 4-axle MGM trucks are the ones destroying the road. The first step should have been to reduce the speed limit from 110km/h to 100km/h, not the last step. If the trucks from the mine sites came out at the backway, there would be far less damage to the road, less noise, pollution, and risks because they travel at around 100km/h most of the way from the 22km mark west of Boddington - no need for an overtaking lane, but an extra lane heading west - 500m long at the 22km mark would allow them to pick up speed before merging."

**"There are at least 3 places that were in place for overtaking before the broken lines were made solid. Long, straight runs perfect for overtaking. I don't think it is necessary to add overtaking lanes, just give back the previous opportunities we once had!"**

"The traffic is substantial on this road and has limited overtaking areas. The number of trucks from the Mines continues to be regular without any disregard for other traffic users. I have never seen one of these trucks pull into the rest bays going to Dwellingup."

"Bloody road is a death trap."

"A temporary solution of instruction of drivers to use the available parking/pull over bays to allow traffic to go past would definitely help."





## Do you have any further comments?

**"Have double white lines on suitable places to overtake safely and places where you can overtake where it is not suitable. Now, with lowering the speed limit has made people even more impatient and the number of near misses has dramatically increased."**

"There are no opportunities to overtake as broken white lines have been taken away. There is a strong urgency to have passing lanes installed also. The road is very satisfactory especially after roadworks have been completed. The problem is miner's driving very badly."

"Implement some roadside signs to encourage drivers to turn headlights on - day and night. Not just parking or daytime running lights - headlights! Call out the MGM trucks to enter the Pinjarra-Williams Rd about 20kms from Boddington - nearly half-way to Dwellingup. There's only 1 slow climb and many passing opportunities from there. It's the trucks causing the problems including destroying the road, as well as noisy & polluting through town and stressing the 2 bridges across the Hotham. Also, the "new" sections are already delaminating."

"Need overtaking lanes due to the number of trucks and the people risking their lives to overtake them."

"Please put in overtaking lanes and more pull over bays. Some decent drivers use those bays and let us pass!"



## Do you have any further comments?

"Speak to road users before you just decide to make changes. Regular users know the roads better than someone sitting in their ivory towers."

"Overtaking zones removed recently as well as speed limit lowered have increased frustration and drivers more willing to take risks overtaking. In the 12 years as a regular user of this road, the amount of road works and changes have made it worse. Just put in good length overtaking lanes and be done with it. Two each way would be ideal."

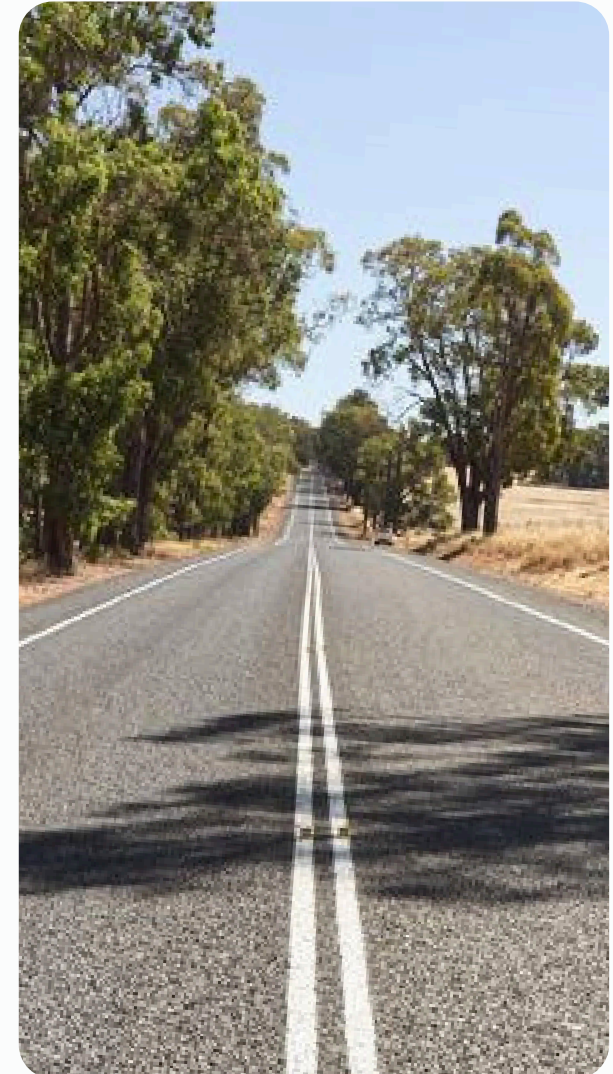
"With increase in caravans travelling slowly, more overtaking lanes are very necessary."

"Please stop reducing speed limits in an attempt to make roads safer. The issue is people have had a gut full travelling at super slow speeds looking at massive overtaking opportunities with double white lines (that previously were overtaking opportunities)."

"I actively avoid driving this way unless I need to go to Pinjarra, Mandurah etc. Nearly every time I go this way, I see dangerous driving."

"Please review and reduce the extent of the double white line use and install some decently placed passing lanes for both directions."

**"With the large number of trucks going along that stretch of road, people get stuck behind and then overtake because they are frustrated and not always in a good place."**



## Do you have any further comments?

"Something has to be done to make this road viable for all that use it."

"I feel that unfortunately the miners that live out of town are in such a hurry to get home that they take unnecessary risks especially after working a 12 hr shift its unfortunate. I get overtaken both ways normally with the drivers in high vis-shirts."

"The reduction of the speed limit and taking away of overtaking areas have adversely effected driver behaviour and made this stretch of road extremely dangerous. It is only a matter of time until we start seeing horrible accidents."

"Please fix the road by having more overtaking lanes. Better road conditions."

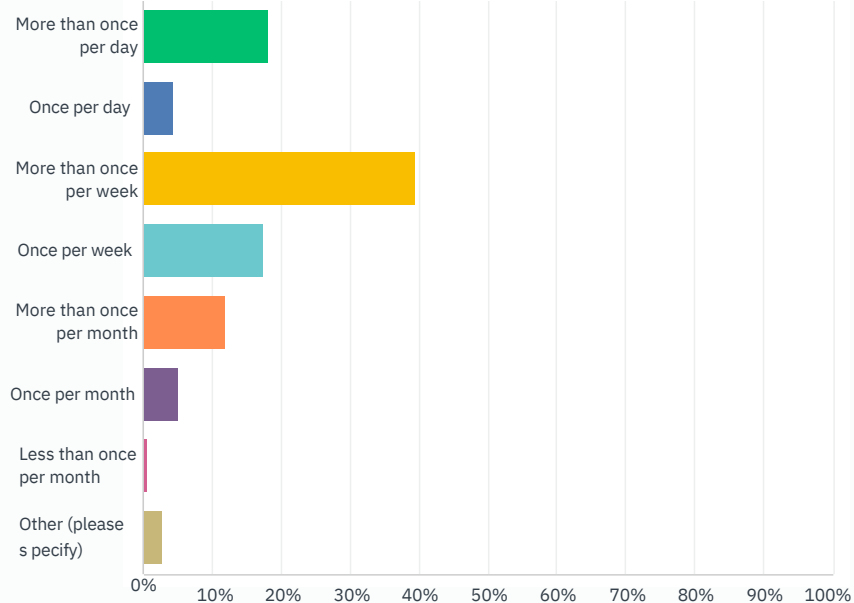
**"More overtaking lanes would definitely help."**



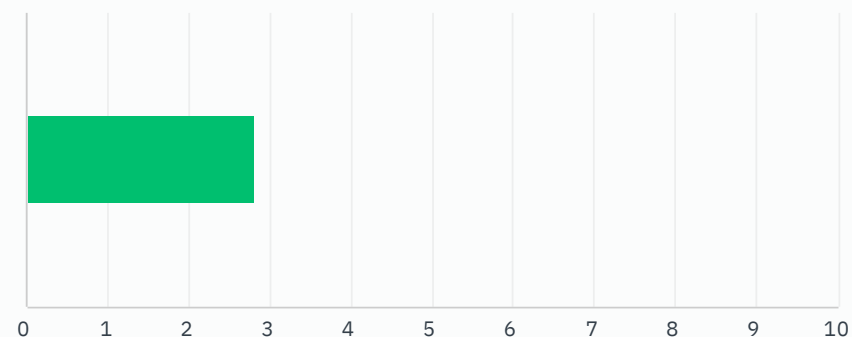


## Appendix 1 - Survey Results

How frequently do you drive on Bannister-Marradong Road / Pinjarra-Williams Road, between the towns of Boddington and Dwellingup?

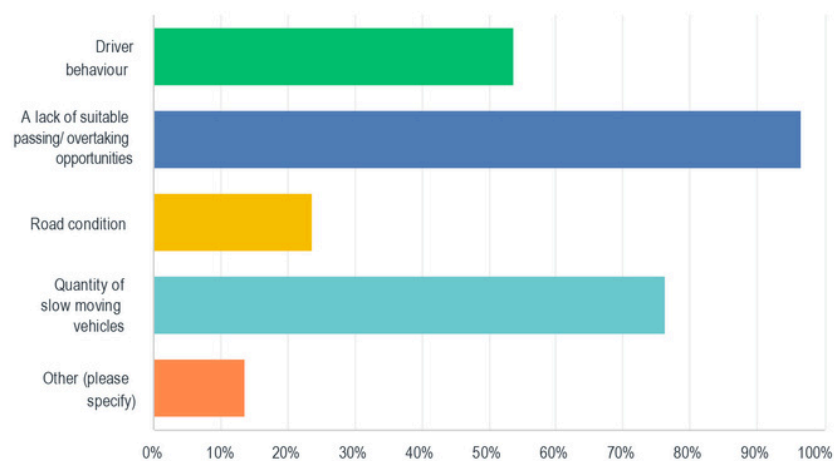


How do you rate the safety of the road between Boddington and Dwellingup?  
0 = Not Safe and 10 = Safe?

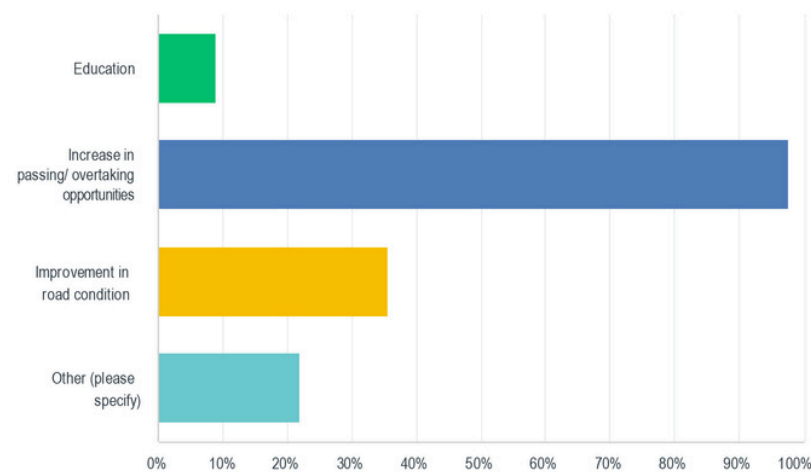


## Appendix 1 - Survey Results Continued

What do you think are the key contributors to a lack of safety (if any)?



We asked the community what solutions do you think would address the items that contribute to a lack of road safety?



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