

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Asked on Thursday 27 April 2004

MR WILSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Mr Lucas) -

QUESTION:

What is the benefit to the public arising from the recently completed Stage 1 upgrade of Samford Road, at the intersection of Ferny Way and Arbor Street in my electorate?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ferny Grove for the question.

The stage 1 upgrade of Samford Road was the project to duplicate the existing roadway from two to four lanes from Cedar Creek to Kedron Brook. It also included upgrading the intersections at Ferny Way and Arbor Street.

In particular, the stage 1 upgrade of Samford Road increases the traffic capacity and reduces delays for existing movements at Arbor Street and Ferny Way, by providing:

- an increase in the number of through-lanes in Samford Road at its intersections with Ferny Way and Arbor Street from one to two lanes in each direction
- an extension of the double right-turning lanes from Samford Road to Ferny Way
- an access to the Ferny Grove Railway Station car park from the signalised intersection of Samford Road and Ferny Way
- improvement to the operation of the traffic signals at Samford Road and Ferny Way
- a second right-turn lane from Samford Road to Arbor Street
- traffic signals at the intersection of Samford Road and Arbor Street

The Upper Kedron area and Samford Valley is experiencing rapid population growth and this section of Samford Road is approaching its capacity.

The increase in traffic volumes on Samford Road has exacerbated problems to do with access on to the road from intersecting roads, right-turns from Samford Road, and pedestrian and cycle access across the road.

The stage 1 project will reduce risk of accidents and provide an improvement in operational capacity and safety along this section of Samford Road. There will be decreased peak hour congestion and traffic delays for commuter and business trips.

Further, there will be improved access to essential facilities such as the Ferny Grove Railway Station, the local schools and shops, and improved facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and bus passengers.

Stage 2 of the project involves the duplication to four lanes from Cobalt Street to Cedar Creek, including a new bridge over Cedar Creek and widening of the bridge over East Cedar Creek.

This work is expected to commence in early 2005.