

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1464**

**Asked on 9 October 2008**

MS JARRATT asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

**QUESTION:**

Will he provide an update of the proposed work on Seaforth Yakapari Road, as well as the Peak Downs Highway at Myall Creek, as both of these roads are used by mine workers travelling to and from their workplace and safety for motorists is paramount?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Whitsunday.

A \$780 000 project to improve the intersection of Yakapari-Seaforth Road and Kuttambul-Mount Jukes Road started on 16 October 2008. These widening works will vastly improve safety for motorists as well as schoolchildren who use the nearby bus stops.

In addition to this, a \$3.9 million project to rehabilitate and overlay a 2.8km section of road from the Yakapari-Habana Road turn-off to the wider section of pavement prior to McKinley Creek is scheduled to commence in mid-2009.

Preliminary works on the \$8.75 million rehabilitation and widening project at Myall Creek commenced on 6 October 2008, with earthworks starting on 13 October 2008.

These upgrades will improve safety along an 8.1-kilometre section of the Peak Downs Highway by providing motorists with an 8.5 metre wide sealed road.

The Peak Downs Highway is part of Queensland's strategic road network and is used to connect Clermont and the Central Highlands with Mackay.

It is a vital link for freight, the Bowen Basin mining industry and tourism from Mackay and the Central Highlands, so it's important we continue to maintain and improve this road.

This is another example of Main Roads meeting its commitment to improve safety for motorists across Queensland's regional road network.