

## GOVERNMENT LOOKING TO WIDEN ARMADALE ROAD

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Planning and Infrastructure Minister and local member Alannah MacTiernan has asked Main Roads to take steps to improve safety on Armadale Road.

This follows a fatal truck and car crash on the road in March this year which focussed attention on problems with sections of the road.

"At my request, the speed limit has already been lowered from 90km/h to 80km/h between Forrest Road and Waterworks Road and the white line marking has been improved," Ms MacTiernan said.

"I have also asked Main Roads to look at further alternative measures for improving safety including widening the existing single carriageway.

"This would involve the removal of the semi-mountable kerb on the south side and widening the pavement to provide a 2.5m shoulder on both sides of the road."

Main Roads will also look at installing street lighting in currently unlit areas.

"The widening option and the introduction of lighting will complement the works required as part of the future dualling of Armadale Road," the Minister said.

"It is possible, as part of the Tonkin Highway extension project, to undertake these widening works and I have asked Main Roads to provide some cost estimates.

"The section currently being looked at is between the future Tonkin Highway intersection and Lake Road.

"The proposed widening would include turning pockets at intersections to enable road users to safely exit Armadale Road from the mainstream traffic."

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