



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

In relation to: Monaro Highway and Cycle lane

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MS CLAY: So does that mean people will be riding on Monaro Highway?

Ms Cheyne: Like they are currently?

MS CLAY: Yes.

Ms Cheyne: Yes.

MS CLAY: Is there an on-road lane on Monaro Highway?

Ms Cheyne: I believe so.

MS CLAY: Does your project meet the Australian standard for that?

Mr Haraldson: It does.

MS CLAY: Because I think the problem last time we were looking at this was that having an on-road cycleway with traffic of that speed did not meet the Australian standard. I am a bit concerned about that. It does meet the Australian standard?

Mr Haraldson: The information I have is that it does. But I would rather take that one on notice to make sure that I get the information.

MS CLAY: Maybe take that one on notice and maybe advise on notice at what speed the road will be and the on-road, whether that meets Australian standard to have on-road cycling and whether the government has any timeline to have an off-road separated if there is not one.

Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Monaro Highway upgrade is a long-term series of road improvements that will create improved safety, freight efficiency and faster and smoother commutes.

The proposed design aligns with the *Austroads Guide to Road Design Part 3 – Geometric Design*, which is the relevant design standard. On road cycle lanes are permitted in posted speed environments up to and including 80km/h. For roads with a posted speed limit above 80km/h, Austroads recommends physically separated cycling facilities.

A design for a physically separated off road shared path along the Monaro Highway from Coyne Street, Macarthur to Canberra Avenue, Symonston has been prepared but is not funded for construction as part of the Monaro Highway upgrades package 1. This path must be constructed before any speed limit increase beyond 80km/h occurs, following completion of the Lanyon Drive, Hume, and Isabella Drive interchanges.

Prior to Hume and Isabella Drive interchange construction, the Monaro Highway through Hume will retain the current 80km/h limit with on-road cycling, which complies with Austroads guidance for on road cycle lanes.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Transport and City Services

Signature:



By the Minister for City and Government Services, Tara Cheyne MLA

Date:

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