



Completion of upgrades to highway welcomed

Minister and Moora Primary School student cut ribbon

AGRICULTURAL Region MLC Jim Chown has welcomed the completion of 64 kilometres of upgrades to the Great Northern Highway from Muchea to Wubin.

“Great Northern Highway is the major transport route for the agricultural, pastoral and mining industries in WA and sections of the highway between Muchea and Wubin have been inadequate and hazardous for the many trucks carrying stock and goods between Perth and locations to the north,” Mr Chown said.

“Many sections of the highway are narrow and winding, with low visibility crests, poor pavement conditions and limited overtaking opportunities.

“The completion of the upgrades,

which includes eight additional passing lanes, realigning, widening and resurfacing will not only benefit transport operators, but will also improve traffic flow and safety for all road users between Muchea and Wubin.”

Funded through the Commonwealth and state governments, the \$112.2 million project was designed and constructed by Access Alliance, comprising Main Roads WA, Brierty Contractors and consultants Maunsell/AECOM.

The Great Northern Highway (Muchea-Wubin) upgrade started in 2007 and is the first program alliance to be undertaken by Main Roads WA and is the biggest project undertaken to date by Main Roads WA’s Wheatbelt North Region.

“There has been a strong level of participation between the state and the Commonwealth governments on this project,” Mr Chown said.

“The Muchea to Wubin upgrade is a leading example of how the state government is working to ensure the Australian Commonwealth government delivers beneficial services to regional communities in WA and we will continue to negotiate further Commonwealth funding for further works on the Great Northern Highway,” Mr Chown said.

The ribbon was officially cut by Mr Chown, Senator Louise Pratt and Moora Primary School year three student Nick Sinclair.



Milestone: Wheatbelt North Main Roads WA regional manager Gerald Morey, Main Roads WA infrastructure and delivery executive director Phil Ladner, Abra DeKlerk from AECOM consultants, Senator Louise Pratt, Moora Primary School year three student Nick Sinclair, Jim Chown MLC, Main Roads WA project director Norm Fox, Stewart Crofts from Brierty Contractors and Brian Ellis MLC.