

Great Northern Highway Overtaking Lanes Newman to Port Hedland



The Commonwealth and Western Australian State Governments have committed to the construction of priority overtaking lanes on Great Northern Highway.

Construction of four priority overtaking lanes on Great Northern Highway, between Munjina and Port Hedland, has commenced.

Package Two – Munjina to Port Hedland

A \$17 million contract has been awarded to Highway Construction Pty Ltd to construct Package Two, which consists of three northbound and one southbound overtaking lanes, between Munjina and Port Hedland.

Construction work for Package Two is underway including:

- vegetation clearing
- removal of topsoil and stockpiling (to be respread at completion)
- temporary widening of the road shoulders to maintain two-way traffic throughout the project site
- construction of foundations and embankments to support the road widening and rest area works

Construction of the four lanes is expected to be completed in December 2026.

Impact to Road Users

While the overtaking lanes will be built in stages to help minimise the impact on road users, traffic management including speed reductions, shuttle flow, portable traffic control devices and temporary line marking will be in place for the duration of the work program.

Single lane closures will also be in place, and all traffic will be safely escorted through the work site behind “follow-me” vehicles. Delays can be expected throughout the construction period.

Road users are reminded to ***please be roadwork aware, slow down and take care.***

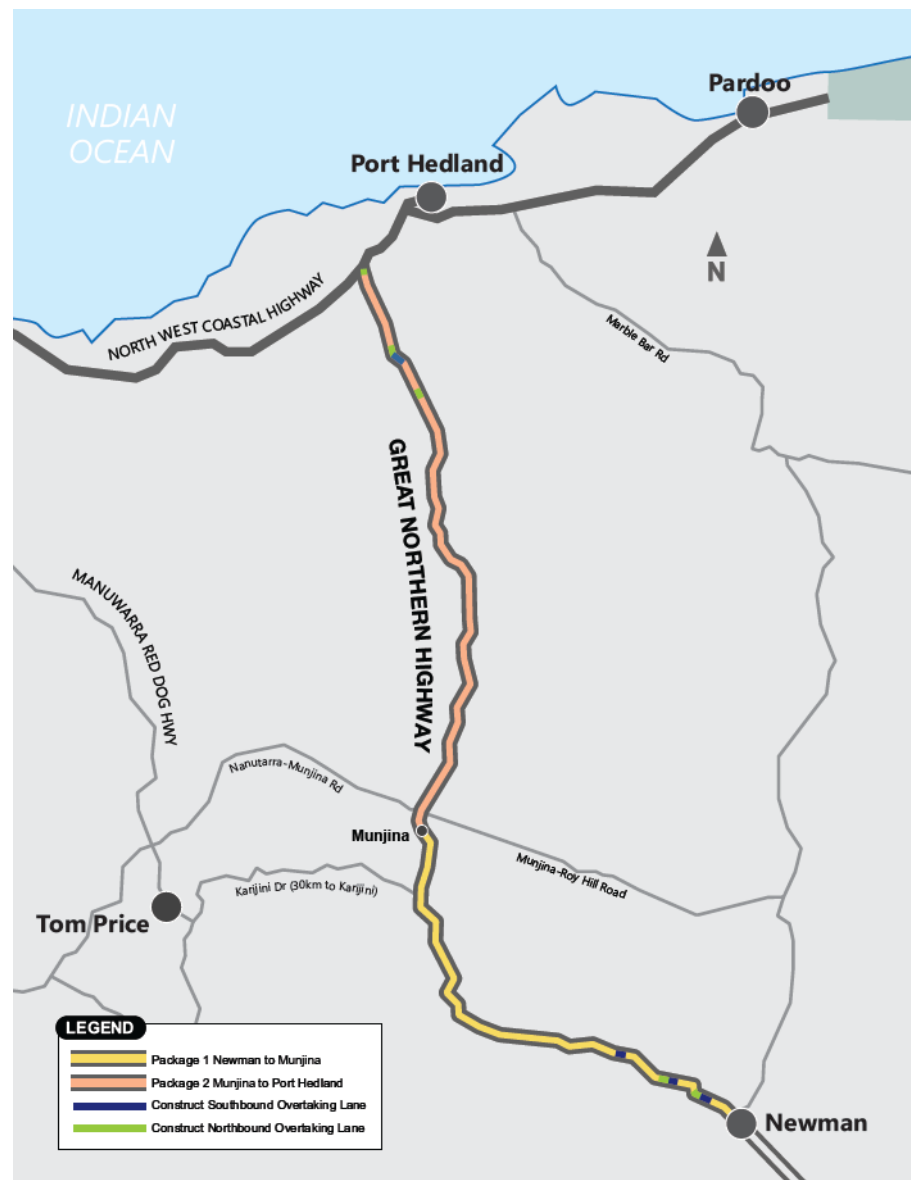
Turner River Rest Area

Alongside Package Two works, The Turner River rest area will be upgraded as a part of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

The Turner River rest area is currently a minor rest area and will be upgraded to provide parking for up to eight heavy vehicles and eight light vehicles, with separate, clearly designated bays for each vehicle type. Works will also include installation of a new culvert at the entry to the rest area and additional rubbish facilities.

The Turner River rest area will be closed for the duration of the works. Alternative northbound minor rest areas are located approximately 27 kilometres north and 37 kilometres south of the Turner River rest area.

An additional southbound minor rest area located approximately 6 kilometres south of the Yandeyarra turn off will also be closed for the duration of these works. Alternative southbound minor rest areas located north and south of this rest area are approximately 9 kilometres north of Indee Road or approximately 15 kilometres south of Wodgina Access Road.



About Great Northern Highway

The 440-kilometre-long section of Great Northern Highway in the Pilbara carries a mix of light vehicles, towing vehicles, road trains and oversize over mass (OSOM) vehicles.

Heavy vehicles currently account for more than 60 per cent of the traffic volume on the road. This project will provide safer overtaking opportunities for road users, reducing the risk of conflict with heavy vehicles, improving road user safety and traffic efficiency. It will also support the growing mining sector in the region, helping to boost the State's economy.

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