

# Hedland Road and Rail Safety Improvement Project



The Australian Government and the Western Australian Government have joined forces with BHP to deliver \$108 million of safety improvements in the Pilbara.

## Stage 1 – Buttsweld Road

The first package of work on the Hedland Road and Rail Safety improvement project is now complete.

Funded by BHP, and delivered by Highway Construction-Albem Operations Joint Venture, the \$32 million Stage 1 package included construction of a 34-metre bridge over BHP's rail line at Buttsweld Road. Two roundabouts were also constructed on Powell Road, at the intersection of Dalton Road and Hamilton Roads.

## Stage 2 – Newman to Katherine Corridor Upgrade - Port Hedland Airport Deviation

Work on Stage 2 is jointly funded by the Australian Government (\$50.2 million), the Western Australian

Government (\$12.54 million) and BHP (\$13.26 million).

Construction of Stage 2, which was also awarded to Highway Construction-Albem Operations Joint Venture, is progressing well.

This package includes realignment of approximately 4.75 kilometres of Great Northern Highway (north of the Port Hedland International Airport and the Walkabout Village), and construction of new access roads.

A second bridge over the BHP rail line is also being constructed, eliminating the existing level crossing.

### What's happening?

A new signal crossing has been constructed by BHP, 60 metres south

of the existing crossing, to allow for the diversion of traffic on to the existing Great Northern Highway.

A temporary side track and a permanent service road have also been constructed to facilitate construction of the realigned portion of Great Northern Highway, and the associated bridge over rail.

Bridge substructure work is complete, and beams are expected to be lifted into place in October. Earthwork is also substantially complete, and pavement and surfacing work is progressing well.

Construction is being managed by Main Roads with support from BHP, with completion expected in early 2024.