

# A better road for Broome



The Broome-Cape Leveque Road is the main transport link through the Dampier Peninsula providing essential access to Aboriginal communities, pastoral stations, pearling industries and tourist destinations.

The Liberal Government will seal the remaining unsealed sections of road, ensuring there is year-long safe passage along its entire length and creating major new tourism opportunities for Broome operators and Aboriginal cultural tourism.

The Liberals support the continued growth of the Western Australian economy by improving the efficiency, safety and reliability of regional roads.

## Fast Facts

- The Broome-Cape Leveque Road is approximately 200km long and provides access to the major Aboriginal communities of Beagle Bay, Lombadina, Djarindjin and One Arm Point, which have an estimated combined population of around 1200 people, as well as many smaller Aboriginal communities.
- Between 2002 and 2007 the northernmost 100km section of the road was upgraded and sealed.
- Approximately 90km of the road remains unsealed and has deteriorated, becoming depressed, badly corrugated and potholed, making the road hazardous and subject to lengthy closures during the wet season.
- A sealed all-weather road will improve safety, accessibility and operational efficiencies.

## Opening Opportunities

The Dampier Peninsula is an extraordinary place with beaches, unique woodlands, tidal flats and mangrove creeks. Its waters are home to turtles, dugongs, dolphins and whales.

Sealing the road will give tourists from Broome safe access to new tourism experiences; gradually open opportunities for Aboriginal communities along the Dampier Peninsula and One Arm Point; and support existing accommodation and cultural tourism enterprises.

Pastoral leases and pearl farms will also benefit from more efficient transport links and opportunities in tourism and hospitality. It will also improve safety and give access to emergency and service authorities.

An improved road will also enable further economic development in the region, including aquaculture.



## Our Commitment

- A Liberal Government will upgrade the Broome-Cape Leveque Road in a staged program of works starting in 2017.
- Following a commitment announced by the Premier in August, joint funding for the project has been confirmed by the State and the Commonwealth.
- Main Roads WA has commenced planning for the road and will start work on an initial 77km stretch of road approximately 25km north of Broome.
- Construction is expected to create opportunities for Aboriginal employment and business involvement.
- It is expected the road will be complete by 2020.



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