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**Deputy Premier  
Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism**

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Mr D Menzel  
President  
Shire of Derby West Kimberley  
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Dear Mr Menzel

**GIBB RIVER-KALUMBURU ROAD AND PORT WARRENDER ROAD**

I refer to your letter regarding the Gibb-River Kalumburu Road and Port Warrender Road.

I understand that representatives from Main Roads recently met with the Shire of Derby West Kimberley's Chief Executive Officer, Vernon Lawrence to discuss the options presented in your letter and agree on a proposed course of action.

I am advised that Main Roads requested additional information from the Shire to further assess the classification of the Gibb River Kalumburu Road. In the interim, I have asked Main Roads to consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the Shire, to assist with management and delivery of maintenance and/or improvement works on the road.

With regard to Port Warrender Road, I understand that the road will not meet the requirements to be declared a main road. However, given the remoteness of the road, Main Roads may be able to assist with delivery of roadworks. Main Roads will also consult with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on potential funding sources to assist with the maintenance of the road, given its main function is to access the Mitchell River National Park.

I encourage you to continue your discussions with Main Roads and Divina D'Anna, Member for Kimberley, and have requested that they keep me informed of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER  
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

CC 23 JAN 2024

*Divina D'Anna  
Member for Kimberley*