



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 2

WRITTEN QUESTION

J Davis to the Minister for Logistics and Infrastructure, Hon William Yan MLA:

Trower Road and Lakeside Drive Intersection

1. **Please advise if there are plans to address high risk traffic issues at the intersection of Trower Road and Lakeside Drive in Alawa.**

There has been at least one fatality at this intersection, and there are concerns that this intersection still poses a risk due to the lack of effective traffic management systems for vehicles turning right onto Lakeside Drive that are city bound.

The traffic light controlled intersection has operated in its current form for many years.

The right turn movement from Trower Road into Lakeside Drive is not fully controlled. The right turning traffic has to filter through the traffic travelling on Trower Road towards Casuarina, this is called a 'filter turn' arrangement. There are limited options to address this issue as there is insufficient space to construct a dedicated right turn lane. The traffic demand for this right turn is low.

There was a fatal crash at the intersection on 16 May 2021, which involved a police pursuit of the vehicle which ended up in this crash. This vehicle breached a red light and collided with another vehicle which was entering the intersection from Lakeside Drive on a green light, attempting to turn right into Trower Road.

2. **Please advise whether this intersection is scheduled for future works and the timeline for these works?**

This intersection is not currently on the future works schedule.

3. **If there are no works scheduled, please advise if this intersection can be flagged as a matter of urgency as a safety risk?**

Intersection upgrade works are prioritised based on various factors, primarily road safety risk and operational efficiency. Major intersections continuously undergo reviews and minor upgrades to maintain safe and efficient traffic operations, and are typically upgraded at the end of their design life.