

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Update on Coolalinga Road Safety Upgrades**

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) web page states that the design tender for the \$29 million Coolalinga Road safety upgrades was awarded in April 2021, with completion of the first stage of detailed design scheduled for August 2022. Construction is scheduled to commence by 2023.

**Questions:**

1. What was the total cost of the design tender contract? Were there any variations to the contract and what were these for and what were the cost of these variations?
2. Has the final design contract been awarded? Who was this awarded to and what was the cost of this tender?
3. Has the cost estimate for this project changed since the initial estimate of \$29 million?
4. If this has increased, what is the new cost and why have the cost estimates changed? Please provide a detailed breakdown of the new cost estimate.
5. Has the Federal Government funding input increased from \$22.91 million? If so, by how much?
6. How much will the NT Government now contribute?
7. When will the construction works go to tender?
8. What is the anticipated commencement date and completion date for construction works?

**Response to questions 1-8:**

The Northern Territory Government is committed to improving road safety, with over \$1 billion allocated in Budget 2022 for transport infrastructure, including roads.

The contract for detailed design was awarded to Byrne Consultants. The Northern Territory Government has allocated \$5.7 million for this project, with \$22.9 million provided by the Australian Government.

Detailed design is due for completion in Q2 2023, with construction anticipated to start in Q4 2023. The project has evolved, including contract variations, through stakeholder feedback and initial design and traffic modelling, and this government is committed to robust engagement with the community to ensure the best possible road safety outcomes.