

**Petition**

Registration No:	9
Title:	Stuart Hwy/Virginia Road merging lane
Presented on:	04/03/09
Presented by:	Mr Gerry Wood
Referred to:	Infrastructure (D. Lawrie)
Date referred:	28 April 2009
Response due:	18 August 2009
Response received:	18 August 2009
Response presented:	19 August 2009

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PLEASE SIGN;

We are collecting signatures to present to our local representative member in the hope of having a merging lane funded and constructed, on the Stuart Highway inbound, at the Virginia Rd intersection. As we are all well aware to date, entering the highway here is often dangerous, and at peak times the major cause of traffic congestion.

**Response**

I write further to my letter of 22 June 2009, regarding a Petition read in the Legislative Assembly on 28 April 2009 for funding and construction of a merging lane on the Stuart Highway at its intersection with Virginia Road, (Petition No. 9).

As a follow up to my initial response, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has completed its intersection investigation involving intersection traffic count, assessment of delays of the merging movements during the peak traffic hours, review of accident history and identification of remedial treatment options.

The Department has advised that the left turn movement at the Virginia Road approach experiences delays and requires further consideration. The recommended treatment includes provision of a dedicated left turn and right turn lanes at a preliminary estimated cost of \$900 000.

The Department will consider this intersection in preparing future capital works programs for the NT Government Road Network.