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## Road safety upgrade to improve access to Ngaanyatjarra Lands



*Caption: Great Central Road, aerial view of completed works*

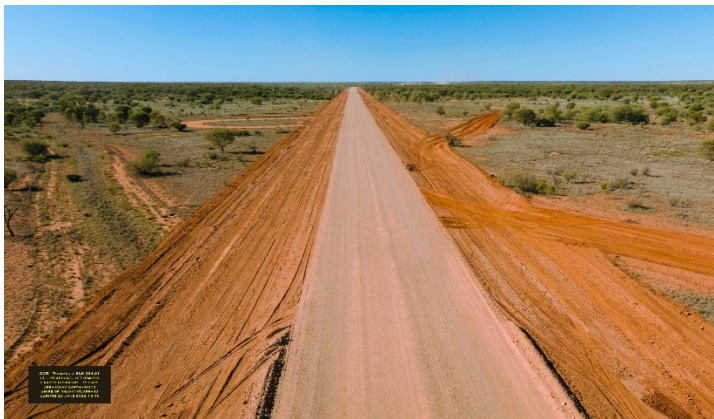
The residents of the remote communities throughout the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, service providers and tourists can enjoy improved, safer access to their destination with the recent completion of further upgrade works to Great Central Road between SLK 229.00 and SLK 243.10.

The 4.1km long project consisted of widening of the road formation, strengthening of the pavement, improving roadside drainage and a smoother driving surface. Previously, this section of Great Central Road provided a rough driving experience with extensive corrugations and loose material being prevalent.

To boost road safety for the communities and travellers, the road formation was first widened to provide an appropriate foundation for the improvements.



*Caption: Great Central Road showing widened formation*



The small and shallow roadside table drains and offshoot drains were unable to adequately collect and carry stormwater away from the road surface causing accelerated deterioration of the road.

To remedy this, the table drains and off shoot drains were then cleared, widened, and reshaped to enable adequate displacement of water.

*Caption: Great Central Road reconstruction of roadside drainage*

Selected gravels were added to strengthen the pavement and make it more durable to traffic.



*Caption: Great Central Road, tipping of select gravel*



*Caption: Great Central Road, works complete.*

Completion of the works has resulted in a road that is more comfortable to drive and better able to handle everyday traffic.

The stronger pavement will also see the road cope with heavier vehicles better than it could previously without damaging the road, thereby increasing the life of the road, reducing maintenance costs, and enhancing the Shire's sustainability.

This road improvement is consistent with continuing initiatives of the Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku to rehabilitate roads within the Ngaanyatjarra Lands. This project received a total of \$1,200,000 in funding from the State Government and a further \$300,000 to maintain the road.

Shire President, Damian McLean commends the engineering team for continuing to make significant strides in raising road safety in the Shire. “The improvements to the road surface should enhance road safety, provide better driver comfort, and decrease wear and tear on vehicles,” he said.

“It will also benefit the Ngaanyatjarra people by giving better road access and therefore, creating more connected communities.”

Cr McLean would also like to thank Main Roads WA for providing funding for these important works.

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