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Dear Sir,

**Re: Leighton Contractors preferred for new Perth-Bunbury Highway**

Please find attached a copy of a media release issued by the Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, and the WA Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan, announcing that the 'Southern Gateway Consortium' had been selected as the preferred participant for the new Perth-Bunbury Highway alliance contract. The Southern Gateway Consortium includes Leighton Contractors, a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Limited, WA Limestone and GHD Consulting.

Yours faithfully,  
LEIGHTON HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Government of Western Australia  
**Media Statement**



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**Preferred participant announced for new Perth-Bunbury Highway**

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**JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

<b>Alannah MacTiernan</b>	<b>Jim Lloyd</b>
<b>Western Australian Minister for Planning and Infrastructure</b>	<b>Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads</b>

The Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads, Jim Lloyd, and the WA Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Alannah MacTiernan, today announced that the 'Southern Gateway Consortium' had been selected as the preferred participant for the new Perth-Bunbury Highway alliance contract.

Ms MacTiernan said Southern Gateway Consortium had been selected from three qualified groups following a rigorous evaluation process, which was extended earlier this year to adopt a greater focus on price competitiveness.

The Southern Gateway Consortium included Leighton Contractors, WA Limestone and GHD Consulting.

"The contract will follow the alliance model, used successfully on several other major road projects," Ms MacTiernan said.

"This will enable the quickest possible start and completion of the project.

"The new Perth-Bunbury Highway project will provide a strategic link for Western Australia's fastest growing communities in Peel and the South-West. The reduced travel times it delivers will be warmly welcomed by Perth, Peel and South-West road users."

Mr Lloyd said the new Perth-Bunbury Highway would be about eight kilometres shorter than the existing route through Mandurah and was expected to cut up to 34 minutes off the journey between Safety Bay Road and Lake Clifton.

"By the end of 2009, we will have provided a highway standard 'seamless' link from the Peel and South-West regions to Perth's markets, ports and airport, further integrating the economies of these regions," he said.

Main Roads would now continue discussions with the Southern Gateway Consortium to finalise the terms of the Alliance Agreement by October 2006 and establish the management and project teams responsible for delivering the project.

Planning and development activities remained on schedule with all land required for the project now in Government ownership, and Main Roads working with the Department of Environment and Heritage to obtain Federal environmental approval.

The new Perth-Bunbury Highway involves 70.5km of dual carriageway road from the Kwinana Freeway extension to Lake Clifton.

The project will complete four lanes between Perth and Bunbury, bypassing Mandurah, and generally improving safety, efficiency and travel times for Western Australian road users.

The project was being predominantly funded by the State with a significant contribution by the Commonwealth as part of the AusLink National Land Transport Program.

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