



2026
Risky Roads



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Introduction

The 2026 Risky Roads report is designed to give Territorians a chance to highlight unsafe or difficult roads and intersections.

This is the second report of its kind – the first completed in 2021. Data was collected during a six-week period between 12 February and 31 March 2026, and the survey was open to all the community – not just AANT members. The survey was completed via an online survey platform that was housed in the AANT website. To ensure broad community participation, AANT promoted the survey via radio interviews, a story in NT Motor and via direct SMS.

The safe systems approach to road safety highlights the need for safer roads – as one of the three

key pillars – to continue to reduce the Northern Territory’s road safety statistics. By pinpointing high-risk locations, the survey aims to assist all levels of government in making decisions about where to target road maintenance and upgrading funding. The report also highlights the need for a fresh look at the design some of the Territory’s busiest roads to avoid the current confusion and potentially future crashes.

AANT urges all levels of government to consider these findings and take action to address the community’s concerns.

AT A GLANCE



55%

Of nominations were intersections



45%

Of nominations were road segments



128

Nominations for NT’s four most-mentioned roads

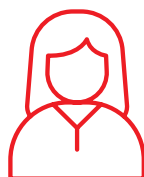
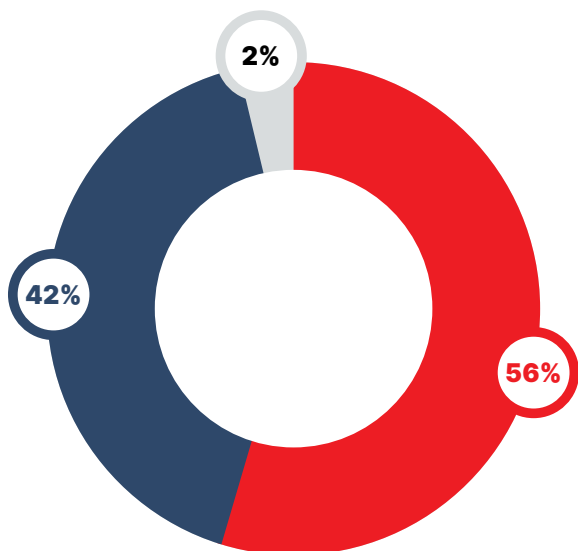


251

Traffic signal concerns raised

Who responded?

Gender Profile



Women represented the majority of respondents, accounting for over half of all the submissions

● Female ● Male ● Prefer not to say

Age Profile



Older Territorians were most likely to participate in the Risky Roads survey

65.6%
of respondents were aged 45-74

AGE GROUP

16-24	2.9%
25-34	7.2%
35-44	16.8%
45-54	20.9%
55-64	22.9%
65-74	21.8%
75+	8.6%
Not provided	

Where did the responses come from?

Top 10 postcodes of responders.

- 0810** Darwin North (Millner, Wagaman, Tiwi, Nakara) **130 submissions**
- 0820** Inner Darwin (Bayview, Ludmilla, Fannie Bay) **96 submissions**
- 0830** Palmerston Central **63 submissions**
- 0832** Palmerston South (Bakewell, Gunn) **60 submissions**
- 0812** Darwin Northeast (Karama, Marrara, Leanyer) **48 submissions**
- 0836** Rural Areas (Humpty Doo, Girraween) **46 submissions**
- 0870** Alice Springs **43 submissions**
- 0822** Darwin Outer (Winnellie, Bees Creek) **39 submissions**
- 0835** Darwin Outer (Howard Springs, Virginia) **24 submissions**
- 0800** Darwin CBD **18 submissions**

0810
postcode generated
the highest number
of submissions



What are people concerned about?

The most frequently cited issues across all four categories.

Road Condition Issues



234 Potholes, cracks or rutting



110 Uneven or undulating surface

Roadside Hazards



77 Poor sight distance

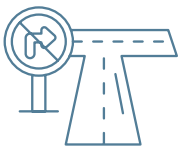


42 Hazardous roadside objects

Road Design & Layout



156 Poor or confusing road / intersection layout



147 Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities

Traffic Management & Signage



144 Lacks traffic signals



107 Inefficient or ineffective traffic signals



Key findings

1 Intersections identified as the primary concern

454 of the 824 nominations (55%) identified intersections as the problem area, compared to 368 road-segment nominations (45%). This points to a specific need for intersection safety improvements such as traffic signals, turning lanes, and pedestrian crossings.

2 Lack of traffic signals is a concern

144 nominations cited a lack of traffic signals, and a further 107 identified inefficient or ineffective existing signals. Combined, traffic signal concerns account for 251 mentions which was the single largest issue category across all four issue types. Poor or no road markings (50) and poor pedestrian crossing line markings (40) were also frequently raised.

3 Stuart Highway is the most nominated road

Stuart Highway was the most frequently nominated road with 52 mentions. This was followed by Bagot Road, Dick Ward Drive, and Arnhem Highway (Humpty Doo). These four roads alone account for 128 nominations — 15.5% of the total — and should be prioritised for detailed safety assessments.

4 Most respondents nominated a single road; some nominated multiple

The majority of respondents nominated just one road. However, 54 respondents nominated two or more roads, and one respondent nominated four roads.

Additional information

AusRAP star ratings

AusRAP star ratings for roads are referenced in this report. The AusRAP star rating system, a subsidiary of the International Road Assessment Program (iRAP), assesses key criteria to establish the safety rating of a road from one to five stars with the latter representing the safest. AusRAP star ratings are based on the international iRAP model which estimates an average 40% reduction in fatal and serious crashes for each incremental increase in star rating.

Star ratings for the roads in this report were published in 2019. There are no publicly available updates to these ratings.

Crash Data

Crash data for the period 2021-2025 was provided to the AANT by the NT Department of Logistics and Infrastructure in January 2026.

Data collation

Nominations were received as either a road or an intersection and were counted as such. Therefore, some locations appear twice in the report. For example, in the Greater Darwin section, Bagot Road appears as an entry at #3 as a road and at both #1 and #5 as an intersection.

The Stuart Highway received multiple nominations as both a risky road and a risky intersection. Given its importance to the Northern Territory a separate section has been created.

Greater Darwin Roads

#	LOCATION	COMMON CONCERNS	NOMINATIONS
1	Dick Ward Drive, Coconut Grove, Ludmilla	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface, Crumbling road edges.	20
2	Lambrick Avenue, Zuccoli, Bakewell	Poor or confusing intersection layout, Potholes.	10
3	Bagot Road, Eaton, Ludmilla	Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes, Poor pedestrian crossing line markings, Signals needed.	10
4	Thorngate Road, Holtze	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface.	9
5	Boulter Road, Berrimah	Poor or no pedestrian crossing facilities, Footpaths, poor cycling infrastructure.	9
6	Kirkland Road, Marlow Lagoon, Durack	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting.	6
7	Rocklands Drive, Tiwi	Road Design, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Crumbling road edges.	6
8	Dinah Beach Road, Stuart Park	Crumbling road edges, Narrow or uneven footpath, Potholes or cracks or rutting.	5
9	Roystonea Avenue, Palmerston, Gunn	Potholes or cracks or rutting.	5
10	Vanderlin Drive Casuarina to Berrimah	Inadequate crossing or turning opportunities, Lacks median strip or separation from oncoming traffic, Poor or no pedestrian crossing facilities.	5

#1

20 nominations

Dick Ward Drive
Coconut Grove /Ludmilla

55 crashes **101** people involved **11** hospitalised

Key concern **72%** Road surface issues **12%** Management, signage and lighting



“Near enough is not good enough”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Whoever is responsible for road maintenance should/must monitor and repair it. It may be an engineering issue, too, because the whole thing is over the top of a swamp so subsidence could be a contributing factor.
- > Sometimes cyclists use the road and not the cycle path - no room to manoeuvre in an emergency - cannot overtake cyclists safely.
- > The whole road has a lot of potholes.
- > High risk of pedestrian vs car accidents.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Installing a well-lit pedestrian crossing.
- > Resurfacing the whole road.
- > Improved lighting. Improved safety for pedestrians.
- > Put in some lights around the bend, stop patching the road and fix properly and put in a specific pedestrian path.
- > A proper construction with at least one foot of underlay and a good quality top layer. They do it elsewhere in the world where there are storms, snow and hail and in winter they put salt on the roads preventing it from freezing up, but the road holds up to all of that because they construct them professionally. Do it right the first time! “Near enough is not good enough”.

#2

10 nominations

Lambrick Avenue
Zuccoli/ Bakewell

51 crashes **103** people involved **11** hospitalised **1** death

Key concern **90%** Road surface issues **10%** Road design and layout



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Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > I got a flat tyre from the massive potholes on Lambrick.
- > Massive potholes and road dips due to poor and inadequate road patches.
- > Every wet season it gets many potholes that get bigger.
- > Never understood why they didn't make it a full 2 lanes both ways the whole length of the road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Redo the entire section from the round-a-bout to the lights on Roystonea Av.
- > Resurface the road properly not repair/fill in the holes.
- > Widen the roads to allow better traffic flow.
- > Put in a rest / safe stopping area to pull off and fix your car / whatever the issue, safely.

#3

10 nominations

Bagot Road
Eaton, Ludmilla

165 crashes **322** people involved **30** hospitalised **2** deaths

Key concern 42% 42% ● Road design and layout ● Management, signage and lighting



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Bagot Rd is a speedway as motor bikes and many cars do excessive speed, cars use it as a drag strip. Oh my god, love to know what speed they are doing, won't be long till someone gets killed or badly hurt.
- > Poor or no road markings.
- > Lack of pull over section bus stops, busses stop in the middle blocking the entire inner lane of the road, lack of cyclist lanes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Better line marking.
- > Bridge crossing(s) over the road next to bus stops.
- > Guardrails between the road and the footpath.
- > Better signage.

#4

9 nominations

Thorngate Road
Holtze

7 crashes **12** people involved **2** hospitalised **1** death

Key concern 75% 16% ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



"Deep potholes both sides of the road"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > There are a lot of trucks driving on this road and I think that is the main reason why the road is so bad, there are always potholes on both sides of the road and cars are nearly colliding trying to avoid them.
- > I have travelled this road for near 20 years - road surface is shocking, during the wet it is continuously and dangerously potted, broken surface etc.
- > Deep potholes both sides of the road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Resurface or upgrade as used by many heavy vehicles, patching up is not working.
- > Maybe raise road higher or bridge over the current road/ swampland.
- > Needs potentially culverts or better drainage installed, two lanes each way to assist traffic heading to Robertson Barracks, turning lane for new road such as Mathew Hopkins Road, would assist traffic to flow.

#5

9 nominations

Boulter Road
Berrimah

4 crashes **6** people involved

Key concern **28%** **28%** ● Road surface issues ● Roadside hazards



“Pedestrians walk up the road”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes, Poor or no road lighting.
- > This road has more potholes than bitumen, the edges flow into uneven surfaces, there are no footpaths for the residents, school and businesses in the area to use. Pedestrians walk up the road, due to the edges & surface resulting with them occupying a majority of the road as this is safer for them to walk on.
- > It isn't a 40km/h zone like all other schools in the area.
- > It is heavily travelled and has many, many potholes and limited safe options for parking along the roadside.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Establishing adequate car parking and building up with rock/gravel before tar surfaces. Both sides need a good amount of gravel to support the drainage.
- > The local government needs to fix this road properly (not put a band aid on it) provide footpaths and lighting for all to walk and drive safely on Boulter Road.
- > Put in large footpaths (the space is there) and redo the road as patching it is making it more dangerous.

#6

5 nominations

Kirkland Road
Marlow Lagoon/Durack

47 crashes **89** people involved **14** hospitalised **2** deaths

Key concern **33%** **44%** ● Road design and layout ● Management, signage and lighting



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Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Not wide enough.
- > Single lane @ 100km/h. 100km/h is OK?
- > Due to the amount of traffic travelling on this road during peak times, it should be a dual lane road. Until this happens the speed should be reduced to 80 or 90.
- > People are impatient, will not go to the roundabout, and they take short cuts. But it's also the amount of traffic using this road now compared to when it was built. It has not kept up with the car population!

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Reduce speed limit or add another lane each way.
- > Widening it to two lanes each way.
- > Synchronise lights for trucks between BP Wishart lights and Tivendale lights.
- > Make a bike path. There is enough room on the grassed area at the side of the road.

#7

7 nominations

Rocklands Drive Tiwi

9 crashes **17** people involved **1** hospitalised

Key concern **50%** **25%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- Only entrance and exit to Royal Darwin Hospital. Used by Emergency Vehicles, staff, patients, visitors and Public Buses. At peak times traffic is blocked for 100's of meters in all directions causing driver frustration and the potential for an accident that would block any access to the hospital. Including no access for ambulances fire or police.
- A huge amount of traffic surges through this area around 8am and 4pm when medical staff are going to or from work. In the morning the intersection basically becomes gridlocked as Eastbound traffic on Rocklands Drive wanting to turn right into Florey Ave has to wait for a gap in Westbound traffic turning left into Florey Ave. There often aren't breaks in that traffic and so Eastbound/Right turning vehicles take silly risks to jump into tiny gaps. Trying to exit from Florey Ave onto Rocklands turning right (i.e. leaving in the morning after a night shift at the hospital) is basically impossible because the intersection is so choked up.
- Traffic backs up many times throughout the day especially at Changeover shifts for staff at hospitals. It can bank up traffic that want to turn right for up to 100m. Limited pedestrian crossing, unable to turn right for long periods due to both sides of traffic being severely backed up. Access on left sweeping road onto Rockland isn't great and often have cars parked in left lane - Unsafe.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- Traffic Lights.
- Get someone that knows how to fix properly council has repaired hundreds of times and can fix properly the day after repairing its damaged again and this has gone on for years. Henry Ave is the same.
- Build a second entrance/ exit from Rocklands Drive to Nightingale Road and in the meantime better road lane markings.
- There should be at least one more entry/exit to the Hospitals etc as many people are employed and visit/have appointments here add to this the limited parking spaces and people trying to get to work/appointments on time this intersection Needs to be safer so less people take risks.
- Maybe lights on a new entry exit.

#8

5 nominations

Dinah Beach Road
Stuart Park

10 crashes **18** people involved **1** hospitalised

Key concern 33% 33% ● Road design and layout ● Roadside hazards



"Accident waiting to happen"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > There are so many potholes in the road & you can't see most of them when it's raining.
- > No sidewalks on the hill up to Duke Street forces pedestrians, people with prams and people in wheelchairs to walk in the street. This area is unlit, making it especially dangerous at night and in the morning when commuters start using the road. The condition of the road is inexcusable; the government is failing miserably here. Yes, I know there is the underlying toxic soil from the previous oil storage facilities and the hope that the land around there will be developed (a stadium, really?) which is stalling any meaningful change.
- > No footpath, fast sweeping downhill bend with no street lighting. Patchwork of potholes. A busy road on a bus route.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Resurfacing, street lighting and a footpath.
- > Tear the old roadbed out, truck out the toxic soil and put in a decent road surface with footpaths suitable for everyone.
- > Streetlights and a footpath for walkers.

#9

5 nominations

Roystonea Avenue
Farrar/Bakewell

120 crashes **231** people involved **22** hospitalised

Key concern 62% 25% ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



"Gets worse every wet season"

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Many potholes of hazardous depth and size get worse every wet season.
- > Poor or no guard barrier fencing.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Whole road needs to be re surfaced not just the potholes as they happen every time it rains.
- > Put more lights and side barriers and sealed the whole on the roads.
- > Resurfacing the entire road.

#10

5 nominations

Vanderlin Drive
Casuarina to Berrimah

120
crashes

219
people involved

25
hospitalised

1
death

Key concern 40% 30% ● Road design and layout ● Roadside hazards



“Poor pedestrian crossing line markings”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > I believe this section of road should have a decreased speed limit due to there being 2 daycares and currently 1 school (soon to be 2) being at the intersection of Vanderlin and Boulter roads.
- > Poor pedestrian crossing line markings.
- > Lacks traffic signals, Inefficient or ineffective traffic signals, Lack of bike paths/cycle lanes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Centre separation.
- > Repair and widen road, add median strip and perhaps lower speed limit. Road works already scheduled but sooner would be better.
- > Put in a decreased speed zone - school zone - at a minimum of 60km/h if not 40km/h for school times.

Regional Roads

#	LOCATION	COMMON CONCERNS	NOMINATIONS
1	Arnhem Highway Stuart Highway to Jabiru	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Uneven or undulating surface.	15
2	Bing Bong Road Near Borroloola	Crumbling road edges, Potholes or cracks or rutting, Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface.	11
3	Cox Peninsula Road Berry Springs to Belyuen	Potholes or cracks or rutting, Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface, Uneven or undulating surface.	10
4	Mermaid Circuit Dundee Beach	Rough, unsealed, slippery or loose surface, Potholes.	10
5	Dorat Road Robin Falls	Lacks overtaking opportunities. Narrow road, lanes or bridges.	4



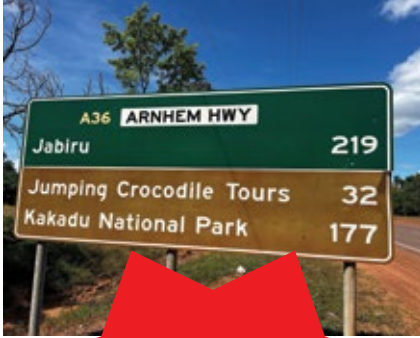
#1

15 nominations

Arnhem Highway
Stuart Highway to Jabiru

44 crashes **87** people involved **34** hospitalised **5** deaths

Key concern 83% 16% ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Potholes, no lighting, bad intersection, poor line markings, rough and bumpy.
- > Head on accidents as cars using the double lanes to overtake (which is what is meant for) these cars come across the single lane direction cars using the middle lane to overtake with oncoming traffic.
- > Damage to vehicles. Tyres, rims and wheel alignment.
- > Accidents due to swerving deep potholes.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Reseal the whole road and widen edges.
- > Roads to be rebuilt using the newer method of building roads made from concrete (thick).
- > Start the proposed works to provide stopping and overtaking lanes and if needed traffic lights on intersections already identified in the proposed Arnhem Highway duplication plans before more people die on this highway.

#2

11 nominations

Bing Bong Road
near Borroloola

0 crashes

Key concern 91% 9% ● Road surface issues ● Management, signage and lighting



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Road floods and is impassable. People working at the port are not able to evacuate if a cyclone comes. Helicopters are useless as they cannot fly when a cyclone is declared leaving port employees to stay in demountable buildings which are not cyclone rated.
- > Mine road-trains ruining this road. They drive too fast and switch over lanes onto on-coming traffic to avoid massive potholes they have created in the first place. I doubt Glencore pay enough tax to make good the repairs to damage they have caused.
- > Too many large potholes that never, ever, get repaired. They just keep getting worse!!!

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Repair the road regularly and stop heavy road-train traffic when the road is water sodden.
- > Regular repair work - the McArthur River Mine pays huge royalties to the NT Gov't so the least the NT Gov't could do is spend some of it back in repairing the damn road!!!
- > Stop the trucks until this road is capable of carrying the load.

#3

10 nominations

Cox Peninsula Road
Berry Springs to Belyuen

33 crashes **51** people involved **18** hospitalised **1** death

Key concern **58%** **22%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Road isn't wide enough for trucks, potholes galore, nasty road bumps, nowhere safe to pull over in wet season, speccy drive but.
- > Potholes are getting way too deep and dangerous.
- > Before the flooding the roads have been severely damaged since the mine was in operation. Since then it's pothole galore with the contractor attending regularly with interim repair work. This isn't working and becoming a hazard on the road. I've gone through 3 windscreens on this road due to stone chips and cracks. It's becoming a hazard and unsafe.
- > Road is destroyed to the point you'd be better off driving on the dirt next to it.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Rip up the road and reseal it.
- > Properly relaying the road surface instead of band aid fixes.
- > I drove this before bitumen seal, so it's better now, compared to then, but the road was wider then, & speeds were (naturally) slower. 100km/h too fast for the road quality. PLEASE, no Doubles, Triples, or Quads. More peeps will die, so singles only, & make it 80km/h.

#4

10 nominations

Mermaid Circuit
Dundee Beach

2 crashes **2** people involved **1** hospitalised

Key concern **63%** **18%** ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Potholes everywhere, get bogged easily, wrecking vehicles that are requiring major repairs to fix them. Something needs to be done ASAP regardless of it being the wet season. It's like this all year round even after being graded a few times a year.
- > Unsealed. Undulating corrugation. Huge potholes. Slippery when wet. Thick mud.
- > This road is a major arterial road with 7 other roads needing to use Mermaid Circuit to get to their street, the road is so rough that the ambulance service will not use the road, our cars are being rattled to bits, and the cost of repair, constant repairs.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Seal the road, if not all, part of would help, anything would help.
- > FIX IT! Rather than telling us we have to wait!!!!
- > Seal the remaining dirt section.

#5

4 nominations

Dorat Road
Robin Falls area

8 crashes **22** people involved **12** hospitalised

Key concern 33% 33% ● Road surface issues ● Road design and layout



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > This road is a disgrace to the NTG and is extremely dangerous.
- > Blind corners, narrow road width, multiple users. i.e. large trucks, caravans, low loaders carrying heavy machinery on a narrow, bending and hilly road only meant for one car. No lane markings, no safety barriers, potholes, rough and unsealed edges.
- > The Dorat Road is becoming more and more dangerous we have had accidents and far too many near misses this year with the excessive amount of boats and tourist and trucks travelling this dismal road if they are opening more of Litchfield up then This needs to be fixed into 2 lanes the whole way or it is going to result in fatalities.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > It needs to be widened into 2 lanes for the whole section and brought up to the 21st century and not just following the goat track that the early settlers cut through.
- > Develop a long-term plan to improve the safety of the road. It is understandable that due to its age etc it will be challenging however addressing several sections will have a significant impact on road safety.
- > Widen the road and put in line markings is the immediate priority.
- > Update the road surface in the long term.



Greater Darwin Intersections

#	LOCATION	NOMINATIONS
1	Bagot Road and Fitzer Drive, Ludmilla	20
2	Stuart Highway and Goyder Road, Parap	14
3	Stuart Highway and Virginia Road, Virginia	14
4	Kirkland Road and Woodlake Boulevard, Elrundie/Durack	12
5	Bagot Road and Osgood/Totem, Coconut Grove/Eaton	10
6	Stuart Highway and Bees Creek Road, Freds Pass	8
7	Stuart Highway and Lambrick Ave, Johnston/Zuccoli	8
8	Rocklands Drive and Florey Avenue, Tiwi	8
9	Dick Ward Drive and Old McMillans Road	6
10	Stuart Highway and Queen Street, Stuart Park	5



#1

20 nominations

Bagot Road and Fitzer Drive
Ludmilla

15 crashes **24** people involved **2** hospitalised **1** death



“Too many risks being taken here”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Turning out of Fitzer onto Bagot Road is dangerous during peak times. Dealing with 3 lanes of outbound city traffic, opposite lanes turning off or doing U-turns to access the servo.
- › Traffic lights would prevent serious accidents and possible loss of life.
- › Although there may not be many reported crashes, too many risks are being taken here.
- › Very busy T-intersection with head-on collision risk.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

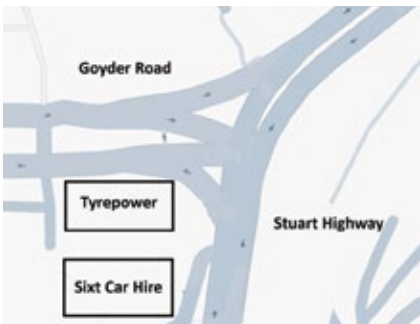
- › Should have lights installed like Bagot/Totem Road.
- › Add traffic lights or improve timing for nearby lights to provide adequate turning opportunities.
- › Look at upgrading to a signal or large roundabout intersection. Roundabout would have the benefit of slowing traffic without the platoon effect and reducing the likelihood of high-speed angle collisions.

#2

14 nominations

Stuart Highway and Goyder Road
Parap

19 crashes **34** people involved **1** hospitalised



“Exiting Goyder Road during peak hour is near impossible”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- › Dangerous for both cars and pedestrians, drivers narrowly miss each other turning to and from Goyder Road across the Stuart Highway, particularly those turning right in either direction.
- › Listed on the Federal Black Spot program for years but remains unchanged. High traffic flow of 2–3 lanes in either direction on a curve, combined with a poorly placed pedestrian crossing, makes crossing extremely dangerous. No mechanism to create gaps in traffic flow except the lights at Parap Road.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- › Roundabout or traffic lights – roundabout preferred.
- › Reposition the pedestrian crossing further along Goyder Road toward the MVR, where users would cross only 2 roads instead of 4, with proper signage and speed bumps.
- › Flashing speed warning signs approximately 60 m either side of the intersection, reducing speed to 40 km/h – similar to the one on Trower Road beside Dripstone Middle School. The right-turn holding lane onto Goyder Road is adequate, but the re-entry lane from Goyder Road back onto the Stuart Highway is too short.
- › Arrow traffic light.

#3

14 nominations

Stuart Highway and Virginia Road
Virginia

13 crashes **23** people involved **2** hospitalised



“Create a merging lane on Stuart Highway”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Intersection sits on a rise outbound and a dip inbound, after curves in both directions – visibility is poor in both directions, particularly when entering the inbound flow at peak times.
- > Used by fuel tankers accessing the petrol station on a blind bend, with motorists travelling above the speed limit.
- > No turning/lane onto the highway inbound. Torrential rain further reduces visibility as traffic comes around the bend – difficult to determine lane position when merging at 100 km/h.
- > Turning right from Virginia Road toward Coolalinga requires looking hard over your left shoulder in a 100 km/h zone with a low section that cuts sightlines.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Unsure, but has to be changed.
- > Create a turning merging lane on Stuart Hwy inbound.
- > Traffic lights to slow traffic down.
- > There was a plan to make it a left turn only and put a set of lights closer to Coolalinga near United service station. Access to this turn from new road off Virginia Rd.

#4

12 nominations

Kirkland Road and Woodlake Boulevard
Elrundie/Durack

6 crashes **8** people involved **1** hospitalised



“Very difficult to turn in either direction”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > This intersection becomes extremely busy for morning and afternoon traffic. There are no traffic signals or devices to assist traffic entering Kirkland Road from Woodlake Blvd making it very difficult to turn in either direction.
- > Too many near accidents as Kirkland Road goes over a train line on a crest making it hard to see when traffic are going fast.
- > People are impatient, will not go to the roundabout, and they take short cuts. But it’s also the amount of traffic using this road now compared to when it was built. It has not kept up with the car population.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Traffic lights.
- > Roundabout.
- > A roundabout or a set of lights would do it.

#5

10 nominations

Bagot Road and Osgood/Totem
Coconut Grove/Eaton

34 crashes **70** people involved **4** hospitalised



“Change the entry to the servo”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Traffic lights allow Totem Road traffic to turn right onto Bagot Road while inbound Bagot Road traffic still has a green light. When Bagot Road changes to yellow, drivers speed up rather than stop – creating a collision risk with turning Totem Road traffic.
- > No safe cycling access to Bunnings or the ice rink/Kingpin. Children are forced to risk their lives riding to these destinations despite Bunnings having ample bike parking.
- > Drivers turning right from Bagot Road into the petrol station driveway cause traffic to bank up onto Bagot Road. If the lights change while cars are banked up, it creates a tail-end collision risk and blocks traffic flow.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Reprogramme the lights to make it safer.
- > Put up a no u-turn sign.
- > Alternatively, change the whole intersection to allow Totem to cross over into Osgood Dr/Bunnings with u-turns supported by the light scheduling.
- > Not allow access to turn right at such a busy intersection, immediately after turning from Bagot Rd into Totem Rd. It is highly a risky intersection to have a turn into a service station.

#6

8 nominations

Stuart Highway and Bees Creek Road
Fred's Pass

9 crashes **20** people involved **3** hospitalised



“A crash at the 100 km/h speed limit would be devastating”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Dangerous at peak times due to school drop-off and pick-up traffic.
- > Multiple accidents and near-misses witnessed at this intersection.
- > Entrance and exit are hazardous during busy periods — Freds Pass Reserve, two schools, a childcare centre and the Litchfield Council office are all within approximately 500 m. Sightlines turning onto the Stuart Highway are further hampered by the northbound slip lane on the southern side of Bees Creek Road.
- > The turning lane off the highway onto Bees Creek Road is too short for peak traffic, particularly during afternoon sports training. Horse floats add to the difficulty.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

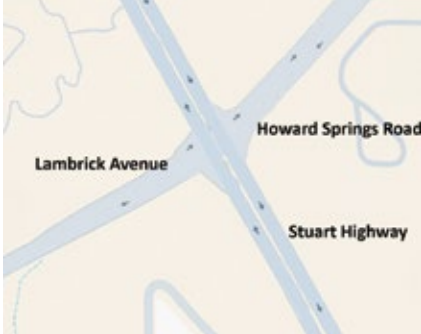
- > Either reducing the speed limit down to 80km/h so traffic has more time to merge, or traffic lights that are only triggered when there is traffic waiting to cross the Stuart highway.
- > I believe there needs to be lights to calm the traffic and keep the children safe during these times.

#7

8 nominations

**Stuart Highway and Lambrick Ave
Johnston/Zuccoli**

26 crashes **54** people involved **3** hospitalised **2** deaths



“Double the lanes, have two lanes onto Stuart Highway”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Traffic backing up at the Zuccoli lights creates a crash risk.
- > The far-left inbound lane is a hazard — drivers turning from Lambrick Avenue onto the Stuart Highway are struck by motorists crossing multiple lanes at speed, leaving no time to react.
- > Traffic signals are needed when turning left from Lambrick Avenue onto the Stuart Highway. Drivers regularly pull out into oncoming traffic in the slip lane, forcing others to move quickly into the middle lane to avoid a collision. Red light controls similar to those at Benison and Tivendale Roads onto Tiger Brennan Road should be implemented here.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

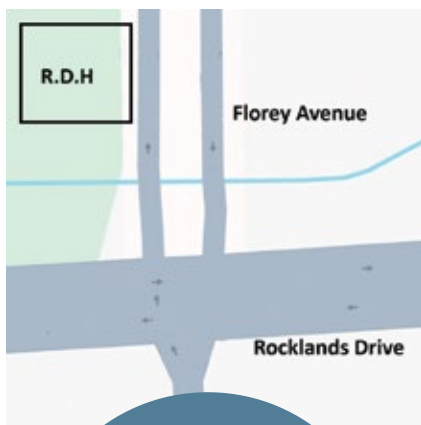
- > Remove the far left lane and make it a turn only into Lambrick Ave towards Zuccoli & Bakewell.
- > Install a red arrow to turn left from Lambrick onto Stuart Highway.

#8

8 nominations

**Rocklands Drive and Florey Avenue
Tiwi**

5 crashes **10** people involved



“Traffic lights would fix this high traffic area”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Accidents regularly occur with people turning in and out of Florey Avenue onto Rocklands Drive.
- > One entry and exit point for the hospital causes the intersection to bank up. Drivers take risky gaps or drive further to do a U-turn, making it harder for residential traffic to turn onto Rocklands Drive.
- > Traffic banks up throughout the day, particularly during hospital shift changes — right-turn queues extend up to 100 m. Limited pedestrian crossings, cars regularly parked in the left lane, and poor access from the left sweeping road onto Rocklands Drive add to the risk.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

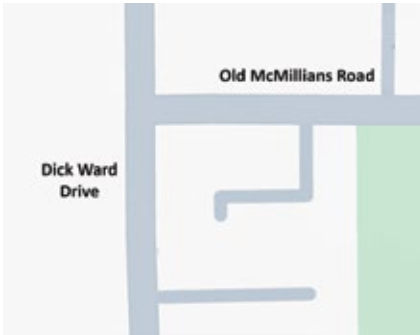
- > Build a second entrance/ exit from Rocklands drive to Nightingale Road and in the meantime better road lane markings.
- > Roundabout or traffic lights.

#9

6 nominations

Dick Ward Drive and Old McMillians Road
Coconut Grove

1 crashes **1** people involved



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Peak hour traffic in mornings and afternoons make merging a risky exercise.
- > When turning left at this intersection, if there is a vehicle stopped in the right-hand lane, it is almost impossible to see if there is any oncoming traffic from the right.
- > The congestion peaks at times causing drivers to take risks.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

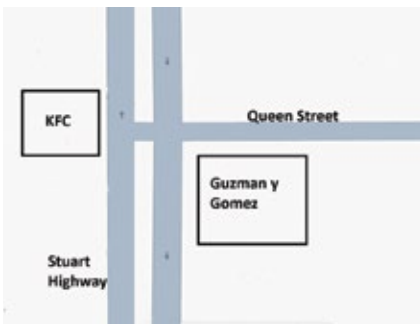
- > Roundabout or traffic lights.
- > Traffic lights operating at peak times.

#10

5 nominations

Stuart Highway and Queen Street
Stuart Park

6 crashes **14** people involved



“People use the wrong side of the road”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > It is confusing and I have had a few occasions where people use the wrong side of the road.
- > There are people doing u turns, turning right into Queen st from the highway and others trying to get onto the highway.
- > Gets very congested especially in the mornings.
- > It has just become a major local intersection that due to recent developments - now needs more attention and instructive clarity beyond everyone’s common understanding of road rules and give way priorities.
- > This has become a major locally known - slip route from Tiger Brennan through to the Stuart Highway and medical centres. There is so much clutter around the top of Queen Street when navigating getting across lanes to the Veterans Medical centre on the other side of the Stuart highway. There is also a major bus stop on the other side of the Stuart Highway with a constant stream of pedestrians crossing the dual highway.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Switch the arrows for the turning lanes on the median, please.
- > Could street parking be reduced at the top of Queen Street (along the sides of GYG & the car shop) to increase visibility.
- > Remove the option to turn from the Stuart Highway into Queen Street. There are traffic lights 500 metres further down the road, allowing you to turn right safely into Westralia Road and access Queen St through Coronation Drive.

Regional Intersections

#	LOCATION	NOMINATIONS
1	Arnhem Highway and Freds Pass Road, Humpty Doo	15
2	Railway Terrace and Parsons Street, Alice Springs	9
3	Stuart Highway and Schwarz Crescent, Alice Springs	6
4	Stuart Highway and Victoria Highway, Katherine	3
5	Anglesey Road and Pioneer Drive, Humpty Doo	3



#1

15 nominations

Arnhem Highway and Freds Pass Road
Humpty Doo

13 crashes **29** people involved **6** hospitalised



“Hard to see oncoming traffic”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Hard to see oncoming traffic when turning onto the Arnhem highway from Freds Pass Road.
- > Vehicles that are turning right onto Arnhem Highway at this intersection block the vision for those turning left.
- > This intersection needs its own slip stream lane to allow traffic to get up to speed.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Provide a merging lane onto the Arnhem Highway for traffic turning left or traffic lights.
- > Widen road there, add turning lane in centre and have the road clearly move traffic Power roadside of turning vehicle.
- > Ideally a small widening of road, alternatively, could make safer by new lines to create the centre right turn and new lines create main road to guide traffic to left etc.

#2

9 nominations

Railway Terrace and Parsons Street
Alice Springs

14 crashes **28** people involved



“It is very difficult to get across the intersection”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > Traffic builds up here and no-one knows who has right of way, and even when people do have right of way it is hard to see where the traffic is coming from. Especially coming from Railway Tce turning left onto Parsons or turning right from Parsons onto Railway Tce.
- > It is very difficult to get across the intersection on Railway Terrace or to join Parsons Street from Railway Terrace.
- > This intersection is too close to the Stuart Highway and constantly there are car accidents. Something needs to be done.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Make Railway Tce wider so traffic can wait and turn into Maccas or move the Maccas entry further down. Also more clearly marked lines and right of way signage at Parsons or redesign it somehow so there is no right turn.
- > Fix the signage, maybe some more obvious lines could be good too.
- > Roundabout or lights.

#3

6 nominations

Stuart Highway and Schwarz Crescent
Alice Springs

5 crashes **16** people involved **3** hospitalised



“Cyclists, including school kids, struggle to cross at this intersection”

Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > There is very heavy turning traffic at school hours and the traffic at this junction is not regulated as people are trying to get to work. But even other times the intersection is on a gentle curve. Cyclists (including school kids) struggle to cross at this intersection.
- > Biggest issues occur around morning and afternoon school rush and the 5pm commute home. From HJ's, to turn right from Schwarz onto Stuart highway, it can be quicker to go the opposite direction via Eastside & Wills Tce etc to head north on the highway.
- > Traffic along Stuart Highway from lights heading north then turning right onto Schwarz create hazard for cars turning right from Schwarz out onto highway to go northerly.
- > Bottleneck develops around school pickup time often but also affected by Hungry Jacks traffic competing with Eastside traffic.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

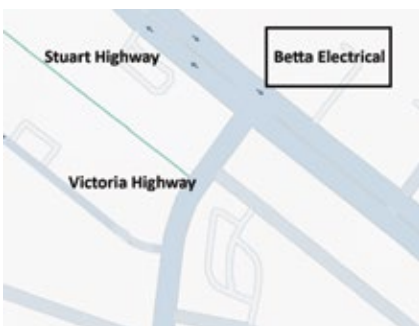
- > Connect Schwarz Crescent with Smith St at Stuart Hwy and install traffic lights. Existing Schwarz Crescent left turn only onto highway.
- > Traffic signal.
- > Make the road wider, bigger lanes, at the point where motorists merge with the highway turning left off Schwarz onto the highway to prevent bottleneck and improve flow.

#4

3 nominations

Stuart Highway and Victoria Highway
Katherine

2 crashes **2** people involved



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > A stop sign is there; no one heeds it!!
- > Rumble strips, to slow traffic to heed stop sign.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

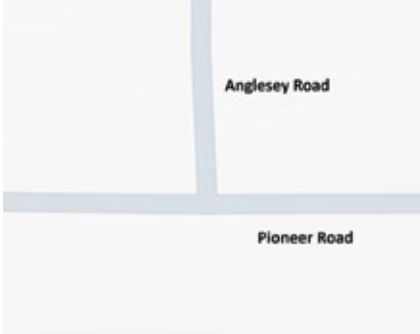
- > Needs analysis and re-engineering in ways that are beyond my expertise.
- > Try traffic lights and maybe widen the road.

#5

3 nominations

Anglesey Road and Pioneer Road Humpty Doo

2 crashes **3** people involved **2** hospitalised



Issues raised (Verbatim)

- > There have been over 5 accidents at the intersection in the past 6 months, resulting in the property owners' fence and power pole being demolished each time.
- > There have been a high number of vehicles missing the intersection and crashing into the fence opposite the intersection. While there have been no fatalities yet based on the number of crashes at this spot, it is only a matter of time until a fatality occurs.

Suggested Fixes (Verbatim)

- > Proper lighting and signage.
- > Installing a streetlight would be most effective at this spot. Alternatively, speed reduction lines to slow motorists down and alert change of road conditions ahead.

Stuart Highway

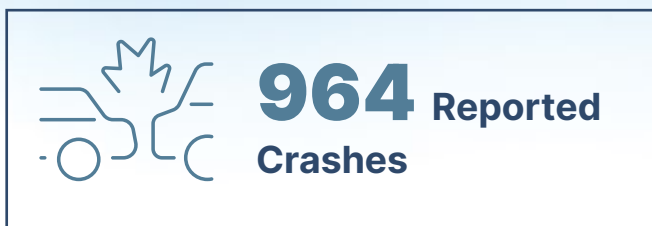
The Stuart Highway is by far the most nominated road in the entire Risky Roads survey, featuring in 143 unique submissions.

Of these, 29 were road-only nominations highlighting general concerns about the highway's condition, while 114 nominations targeted specific intersections along its length, spanning 54 distinct intersection locations from Darwin to Alice Springs.

Within 30 kilometres of the Darwin GPO, Stuart Highway attracted 89 nominations, with the intersections at Goyder Road and Virginia Road each drawing 14 nominations — the second-highest intersection tallies in the entire dataset. Beyond 30 kilometres, a further 54 nominations were recorded, reflecting community concerns on the highway's importance.

The sheer volume and geographic spread of Stuart Highway nominations underscore its critical importance to Territory residents and the widespread frustration with its current condition.

Stuart Highway crash statistics, 2021–2025



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