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The Northern Territory Government should explain how its failure to factor in high-voltage power-lines has delayed construction of the out-bound passing lane on Tiger Brennan Drive.

Shadow Infrastructure Minister Adam Giles said Government signage at the site of the passing lane construction says it will be completed by August 2009.

As it stands, the only work done so far appears to be a little clearing and the erection of orange posts.

“To its credit, the Government has built the inbound passing lane near Amy Johnson Avenue but the task of completing the project has proven too much for Labor,” Mr Giles said.

“The Minister says issues surrounding high-voltage powerlines have delayed construction of the out-bound lane. It’s a pity the Government didn’t factor that in before promising Territorians the road would be completed by August.

“I’m reminded of Minister Delia Lawrie’s sentiments when the passing lanes plan was announced in April that ‘Territorians want to spend more time with their families and less time stuck in traffic’.

“That being the case, why has the Henderson Government failed to meet its own deadlines?

“The Government must also explain if the proposed $2.3million cost of the passing lanes will blow-out because of the impact of the high-voltage power.

“I wonder how long it will take the Government to change the sign which says the project will be completed by August.”

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