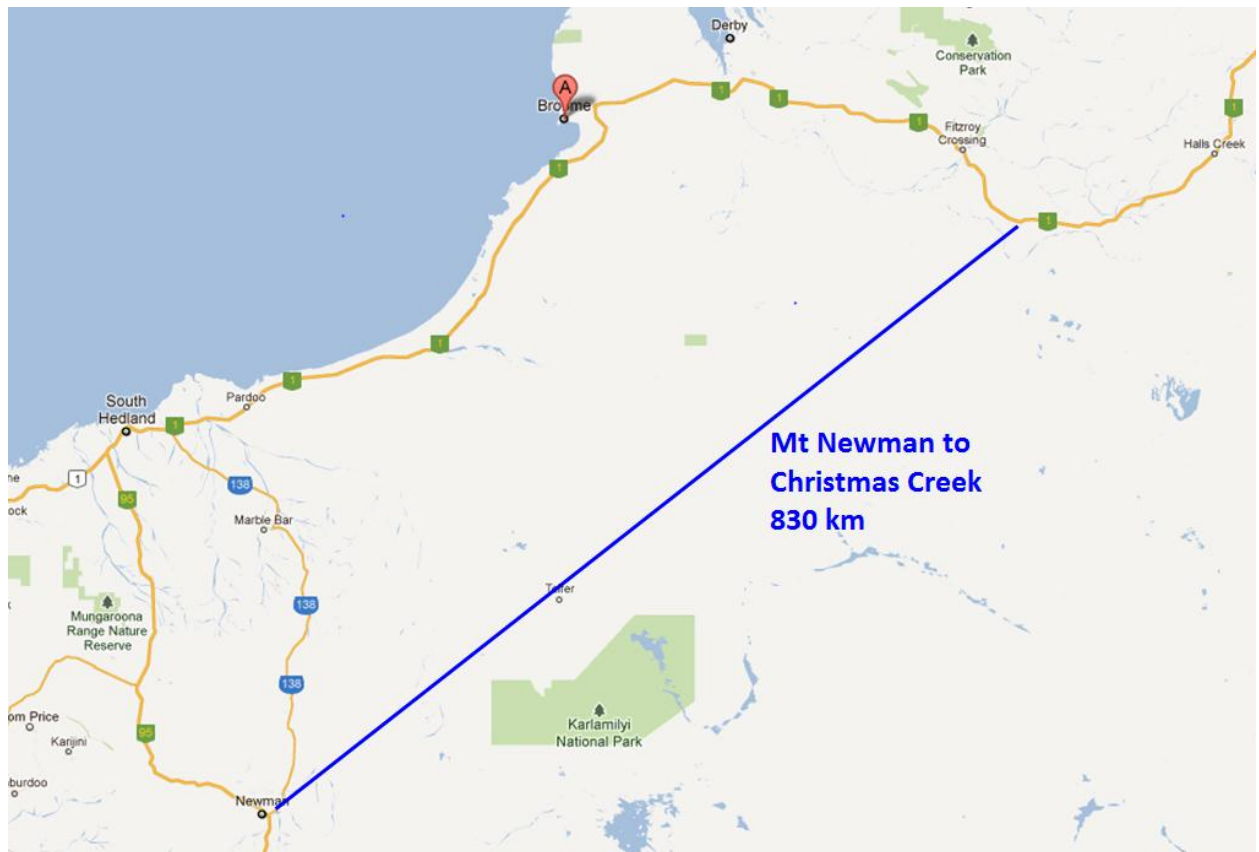


## Newman to Christmas Creek Road Project



### Proposed Road Mt Newman to Christmas Creek

The highway between the southern half of WA and the northern third is relatively efficient until it gets to Newman. At Newman, it takes a dogleg down to the coast and then is along the coast until Broome. From Broome, it heads southeast to go around the ranges in the Kimberley before heading north again to Kununurra.

A far more efficient route would be from Newman directly to Christmas Creek on the Great Northern Highway southeast of Fitzroy Crossing. This would be 830 km of new road going past Telfer. It would take 630 km off the road distance between Perth and Kununurra. It would significantly lower the cost of doing business in the northern third of WA.

At \$300,000 per km, the cost of this road would be \$250 million.

At \$3.50 per tonne/km, 40 trucks per day carrying 20 tonnes each would save \$30 million annually. This is a part indication of the permanent saving this road would provide.