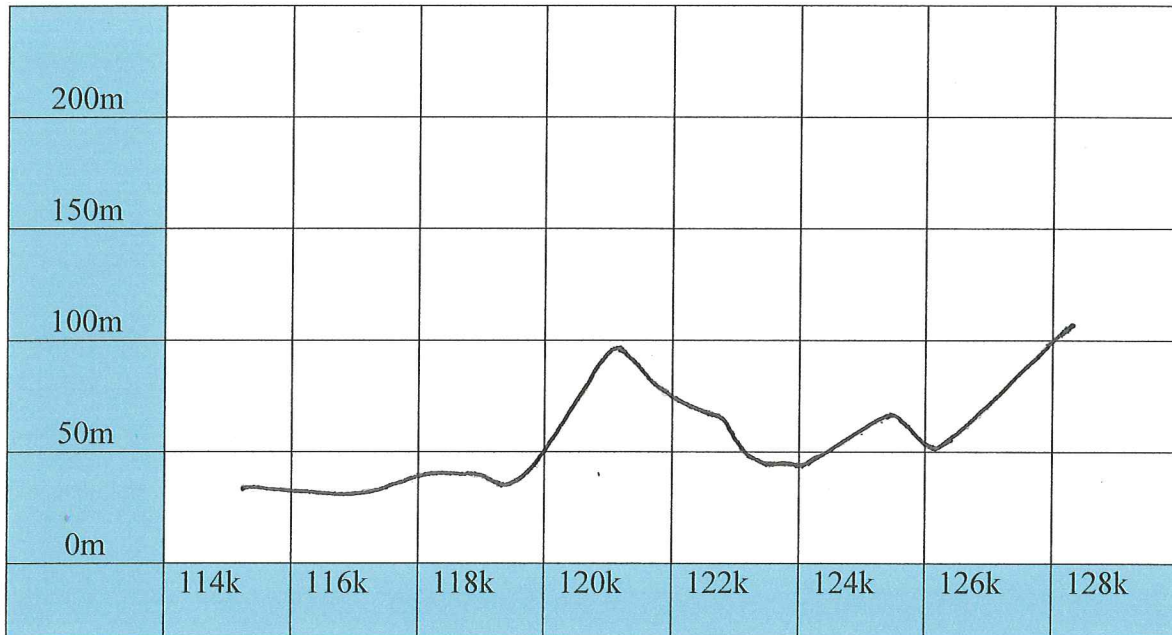


Stage 9 – Wide Highway to Pullout on Right – 13.0km



This is probably the toughest stage, with two significant hills. However, it starts deceptively easily, with a long, straight, flat section with wide shoulder on the right, which ends at 3.3km. Approaching the Shames Mountain turnoff at 4.4km, Shames hill can be seen lurking ominously in the distance. The steep climb starts at 5.6km and continues to 7km. There is then a fairly steep downhill to Delta Creek at 8.6km and then some undulation, crossing Talus and Scree Creeks at 10.5 and 11.2km, before the fairly steep uphill finish. At the transition, there is a pullout on the right with a reasonable amount of parking.