



MEDIA STATEMENT

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RAC SURVEY: GNANGARA ROAD AND REID HIGHWAY THE WORST

The results of the RAC's 'Risky Roads' survey have reiterated the calls by local MLA Rita Saffioti for the Barnett Government to invest in key transport infrastructure in the north eastern corridor.

Ms Saffioti said the results of the survey, which was completed by nearly 6000 people, clearly demonstrated that the residents in the north eastern corridor were fed up with being ignored by the Barnett Government.

"Two out of the three most nominated worst roads in the entire metropolitan area are key transport links in this corridor," she said.

"The Barnett Government is just not doing enough to make sure our roads are safe."

The intersection of Gnangara Road and Beechboro Road was nominated as WA's worst intersection.

Ms Saffioti, who in January called on new Transport Minister Troy Buswell to visit these dangerous roads, said the Barnett Government needed to act urgently.

"Labor has continually lobbied to have Gnangara Road fixed," she said.

"In the middle of 2010, my call to reclassify the road from a Local Government road to a State road under the control of Main Roads WA was supported by both the City of Swan and City of Wanneroo."

"The Barnett Government needs to accept the responsibility and fund its upgrade immediately.

"The Beechboro Road intersection is nowhere near an acceptable standard. Motorists are risking their lives every day as they travel along Gnangara Road and near that intersection.

"Reid Highway between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road needs to be upgraded to a dual carriageway as well as creating a safer intersection at the end of Lord Street."

Ms Saffioti said the Barnett Government is spending \$1.5 billion less on new roads and rail than Labor did in the last four years prior to 2008.

"The north eastern corridor is going through a population expansion. Ellenbrook is closing in on 30,000 residents and the Lord Street corridor is seeing new homes built every day," she said.

"Mr Barnett and Mr Buswell's ongoing denial of these serious issues are making our roads less safe, as they can no longer cope with the large amounts of traffic and need urgent funding."

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