



MEDIA STATEMENT

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LACK OF EVIDENCE IN DECISION TO LIFT CURFEW

Labor Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti has called on the Barnett Government to release the analysis behind their decision to lift the Swan Valley road train curfew.

Ms Saffioti's call for the evidence comes after Transport Minister Troy Buswell announced that the curfew would be lifted following a "successful" trial.

"The Minister claims the trial has been a success, although he has not released any information to justify the decision," Ms Saffioti said.

"We were told Main Roads WA and the WA Police would be closely monitoring the trial, however none of the information collated by them has been released.

Ms Saffioti's own community survey indicated that a majority supported the curfew being reinstated.

"The survey also showed that another key issue was the speed limit on this section of Great Northern Highway," she said.

"Many people believe the speed limit should be reduced from 80 km/h along the residential and tourist section of the highway."

Ms Saffioti said the whole process had been shrouded in secrecy and that the Barnett Government had been anxious about the issue ever since it made the announcement of the three month trial.

Ms Saffioti wrote to the Minister on 9 September 2011 requesting the following information from Government monitoring of the trial be released:

- Electronic counter results;
- Traffic accidents;
- Reports of dangerous driving;
- Video monitoring;
- On-road patrolling by Transport Inspectors;
- WA Police Traffic Escort Section information; and
- Customer feedback via Main Roads WA and City of Swan.

A response has yet to be provided.

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