



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAFFIOTI DRIVES FOR IMPROVED SAFETY AT MAJOR INTERSECTION

Labor Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti is calling for improvements to the safety of the intersection at West Swan Road and Great Northern Highway.

Ms Saffioti said local residents had contacted her about dangerous driving through the intersection and believed more could be done at the intersection to ensure the safety of all motorists.

“This section of Great Northern Highway is very busy and with a speed limit of 80km/h it would be beneficial to install flashing amber lights before the intersection, going north, to provide motorists with a guide as to when they are required to slow down for a red light,” she said.

“These types of warning signs for motorists as they approach the intersection will prevent motorists from having to break suddenly or dangerously run a red light.

“I have been told vehicles are seen running red lights heading north on Great Northern Highway regularly, as this is unfortunately, the safer option than braking late.”

Ms Saffioti said the intersection had too many near misses and it was only a matter of time before a serious accident occurred.

The West Swan MLA wrote to the Minister for Road Safety and the Minister for Transport about the issue last month.

Ms Saffioti said given the number of trucks using the Great Northern Highway and the potential dangerous situation that running red lights cause, it was important the State Government investigated the matter further.

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