



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **REID HIGHWAY PROJECTS KEY PRIORITIES OF RAC BUDGET SUBMISSION**

The RAC State Budget submission has mirrored calls by West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti for an urgent improvement to the Reid Highway-Malaga Drive intersection and for the completion of a dual carriageway for Reid Highway.

The RAC has stated these projects should be a priority for the Barnett Government.

Ms Saffioti said with the Alexander Drive overpass nearly completed and works beginning at Mirrabooka Avenue, it was more important than ever for the Malaga Drive intersection to be improved.

The 2011-12 State Budget will be handed down in May and Ms Saffioti said it was vital the Barnett Government allocate funding to the Malaga Drive project.

Ms Saffioti said a recent report that the intersection of Reid Highway and Malaga Drive has the third longest red-light waiting times proved an overpass at this intersection was vital.

“Motorists are forced to wait for over three minutes at this intersection,” she said.

“With the Malaga industrial and business precinct continuing to grow this intersection needs to be improved.

“Businesses need this to happen and so do the thousands of motorists that use this intersection on a daily basis.

“Having overpasses at Mirrabooka Avenue and Alexander Drive, the red-light waiting times and the safety of the Malaga Drive intersection is only going to get worse.”

The RAC submission also called for a dual carriageway of Reid Highway along its complete length – another project Ms Saffioti has been vocal on, specifically between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road.

“The Barnett Government must use this opportunity to develop a strategic transport plan for the area instead of its current piecemeal approach,” Ms Saffioti said.

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