



MEDIA STATEMENT

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MLA WELCOMES REID HIGHWAY ANNOUNCEMENT BUT WANTS AN END TO PIECEMEAL APPROACH

The recent announcement to improve the safety of the Reid Highway and Mirrabooka Avenue intersection will be welcomed by many Perth motorists, Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti said today.

Ms Saffioti said with the extension of Mirrabooka Avenue to Gnangara Road soon to be opened, many residents in Landsdale will welcome the improvement to the Reid Highway intersection.

“I welcome the announcement made today as it will benefit a large number of motorists in the area,” she said.

“However it is important the Barnett Government look at the wider issues associated with Reid Highway.

“Urgent funding is required for the duplication of Reid Highway between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road.”

Ms Saffioti said the dual carriageway was critical in preventing bottlenecks from occurring along the highway and to allow drivers a safe and free flowing trip.

“This project would also see the highly dangerous intersection of Lord Street and Reid Highway finally improved,” she said.

“It will also cater for the expected population increase as more families move into the new developments.”

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 have 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.

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

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