



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAFFIOTI CALLS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO HENLEY BROOK AVENUE

West Swan MLA Rita Saffioti today used the State Parliament to raise the importance of Henley Brook Avenue directly with the Minister for Transport.

Ms Saffioti said the Henley Brook Avenue extension to Reid Highway was urgently required to take traffic pressure off Lord Street and West Swan Road.

“This extension will become a major north-south distributor road that connects the Ellenbrook region to Reid Highway,” she said.

“Currently local rural roads, like Robert Street in Henley Brook, are being used by a high number of motorists to connect to Reid Highway.

“Lord Street is at capacity and West Swan Road is catering for traffic that would utilise the Henley Brook Avenue extension when it is built.”

Estimates for construction of the road from Reid Highway to Park Street are costed at around \$20million. The cost of construction from Park Street to Gnangara Road is not currently available.

Ms Saffioti highlighted the fact that currently the City of Swan is planning to raise the necessary funds through Development Contribution Plans, which would see some landowners who develop their land, contribute over \$30,000 per new dwelling.

Ms Saffioti said the average contribution rate the City of Swan had calculated was unfair because Henley Brook Avenue is included in the City of Swan’s infrastructure cost estimates and called on the Barnett Government to commit funding to the important project.

“Henley Brook Avenue is similar to many other regional roads throughout the metropolitan area. It is common for major regional roads to receive a State Government contribution,” she said.

“The need for this road is increasing every day as development through the region continues to grow.

“Many transport issues throughout the region exist as a result of this road not being constructed, so it is vital this project has an injection of funding from the State Government.”

Ms Saffioti said Mr Buswell’s response to this issue was positive and that she was hopeful the Barnett Government would look into the problem.

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