



MEDIA STATEMENT

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TRAFFIC LIGHTS FINALLY ON THE WAY

Local Labor Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti said a decision to install traffic lights at the intersection of Lord Street and Reid Highway would be welcomed by all in the community.

Ms Saffioti learnt of the news last night in Parliament.

Following continued community calls to improve the intersection and with a Government under pressure in the region, Ms Saffioti said \$2.5 million had been allocated to install traffic lights at the intersection by the end of 2012.

“This is a great win for wider community who use this intersection on a daily basis. Although it does not appear the improvement is happening straight away, I think the local community would still welcome the announcement,” Ms Saffioti said.

“Many motorists opt to use alternative routes to get onto or over Reid Highway, simply because the intersection is too dangerous.

“This has meant an increase in amount of traffic on West Swan Road, Marshall Road and through Bennett Springs.”

Ms Saffioti said she was disappointed that the Government did not commit to the construction of a dual carriageway on Reid Highway between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road.

“The Government has decided not to fund the dual carriageway now and instead install traffic lights at this intersection,” she said.

“I welcome the news, however once the lights are operating more motorists will use this section of Reid Highway and the current single lane configuration will be even more inadequate.

“I will continue to lobby the Barnett Government to fund this dual carriageway and other key road infrastructure in the area.

“With the massive growth through the north eastern corridor is it vital the State Government fund the improvements and make our roads safe.”

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