



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## SAFFIOTI WELCOMES FLASHING SCHOOL ZONE SIGNS

Electronic School Zone (ESZ) signs will be installed on Illawarra Crescent near Ballajura Community College following residents raising concerns about motorists speeding around the school.

The idea to install the 40km/h flashing ESZ signs was brought to Ms Saffioti's attention by residents during one of her recent street corner meetings in Ballajura.

"Thousands of people utilise this section of the road on a daily basis and the ESZ signs will now act as a deterrent for speeding motorists and enhance the overall safety of both the students, staff and the general community," Ms Saffioti said.

Ms Saffioti, on the request from residents, wrote to the Minister for Transport outlining the case for Ballajura Community College and Illawarra Crescent to be included in the 2011-12 installation program.

"I welcome the Minister's positive response to the request and hope to see the new signs installed very shortly," she said.

"The signs will clearly outline to all motorists that they are within a school zone, especially when the signs are flashing in the specific time periods at the beginning and end of school."

Ms Saffioti said she was also lobbying the Government to have 50km/h signs along Illawarra Crescent installed.

"Residents have indicated to me that they want 50 km/h speed signs to be installed to act as constant reminder of the speed limit to all drivers," she said.

"Unfortunately the Minister for Transport so far has not accepted the need for these signs but I will continue to lobby for these signs to be installed."

Ms Saffioti said the Minister for Transport assured her that the issues along Illawarra Crescent would be brought to the attention of the Police to request additional surveillance of the area.

The West Swan MLA said she will also approach the City of Swan to review other options for managing speed.

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