



The Western Australian economy... time to take the brakes off.

Western Australia is the engine room of the Australian economy.

We have the fastest growing population of any State and our road and public transport system is already struggling to meet the growing demands.

Western Australia also has the worst road deaths record of any mainland State.

Our State deserves a fairer share of Federal road funding.

The RAC's 720,000 members will be asking for a fair go for WA roads before casting their votes in the coming Federal election.

The RAC also endorses the 'Motoring Matters' document prepared by the Australian Automobile Association.



RAC members are happier

A FAIR GO FOR WA ROADS

Western Australia is home to 22% of the national highway network but we only receive around 10% of all Federal funding for roads. The current allocation of funds on a population basis discriminates against growth States like Western Australia, fails to recognise the contribution we make to the national economy and is undermining our ability to achieve the full potential of our resources boom.

The next Federal government should commit to raising Western Australia's share to 15% of total Federal land transport infrastructure funding to recognise and reflect the unique road maintenance and safety challenges faced in this State.



GATEWAY WA

Perth is an international city which deserves an international-standard entrance. The roads around our current airport are Perth's worst congestion hotspot. Traffic will double when the new joint domestic-international terminal opens. The Gateway WA project will ease the squeeze on Tonkin and Leach Highways.

The next Federal government should commit at least \$300million or half the project cost for the Gateway WA project.

MAKING OUR REGIONAL ROADS SAFER

Too many people are dying on Western Australia's country roads. With a joint Federal-State commitment of \$100million p.a. we could lift country road safety standards within a decade.

The next Federal government should provide \$50million p.a. for a WA Regional Roads Rescue Program matched on a dollar for dollar basis by the State government.



BUILDING OUR ECONOMY

The north-west of Western Australia is driving our resources boom with an almost \$70billion of planned oil and gas projects. The region contributes 75% of our State's export income.

The Brand Highway – North West Coastal Highway is a key economic link from Perth to this area and other major developments such as the new Oakajee Port and Rail project. Large sections of this link are narrow seal, have poor alignment or are susceptible to flooding.

The next Federal government should commit to adding the Brand Highway – North West Coastal Highway to the national highway network.

GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY/GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY

Heavy vehicle traffic volumes on these roads continues to increase posing both road safety and road maintenance challenges.

The next Federal government should commit:

- \$200million for Stage 2 of the Muchea to Wubin upgrade work on the Great Northern Highway.
- \$250million for widening and safety upgrades on the Walgoolan to Coolgardie stretch of the Great Eastern Highway.
- \$20million to project development work for the Swan Valley Bypass.



REID HIGHWAY UPGRADE

Perth deserves an efficient ring road system. The intersections of Reid Highway at Mirrabooka Avenue and Malaga Drive are both congestion and road safety hotspots and should be fixed.

The next Federal government should commit \$20million to the provision of grade separations at these intersections and \$30million to the widening of Reid Highway between Beechboro Road and West Swan Road to two lanes.