



# Media Release

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## RAC welcomes additional ANCAP funding

The RAC has welcomed today's announcement of continued Federal Government funding for the Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP).

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said ANCAP safety ratings are vital in helping consumers to choose safer vehicles.

"According to ANCAP, occupants have twice the chance of being killed or seriously injured in an ANCAP 1-Star rated vehicle compared to an ANCAP 5-Star rated vehicle," Mr Golsby said.

"On average in 2013 Western Australia recorded one fatality nearly every two days, and vehicle safety plays a major role in helping to avoid or reduce the severity of road crashes."

The additional two-year funding commitment will help to further encourage the manufacture and purchase of safer vehicles.

The RAC is again encouraging the WA State Government to demonstrate its commitment to vehicle safety through the mandatory display of ANCAP safety ratings at car dealerships.

"There is currently no mandatory requirement to display vehicle safety ratings at the point of sale – information which could save lives on WA roads."

ANCAP is an independent vehicle safety advocate which crash tests and rates new vehicles to provide consumers with transparent advice on vehicle safety.

ANCAP is supported by all Australian and New Zealand motoring clubs, the Australian Government, the New Zealand Government, Australian state and territory governments, the Victorian Transport Accident Commission, NRMA Insurance and the FIA Foundation.

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