



Media Release

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Great Southern roads on the risky radar

RAC today released the results from the 2014 Risky Roads campaign which has identified the community's views on the State's most dangerous regional roads.

Survey respondents nominated the Frenchman Bay Road and Hanrahan Road intersection in Albany for being confusing and suggested a roundabout be installed at the site.

The Albany Highway and South Coast Highway intersection and Chester Pass rotary also ranked in the top ten risky intersections state-wide.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, said the State-wide survey across metropolitan and regional WA had received more than 5,000 nominations.

"The 2014 Risky Roads results highlight the urgent need for the State Government's Mid-Year Review to deliver an increase in road funding across the State," Mr Golsby said.

"This funding is urgent because tragically the road fatality toll is already 20 deaths more than this time last year, and as of today more than 53 per cent of fatalities have occurred in regional WA.

"WA's regional road network is also under pressure with a cap being placed on the level of road funding provided to local government, and more recently a 15 per cent per year reduction in funding from the road maintenance budget over the next three years.

"This is on top of the huge backlog in road maintenance which was identified in 2009 by the Auditor General, and estimated to be \$800 million.

"There is over 187,000 kilometres of road in Western Australia and no one knows it better than the people who drive, ride, cycle or walk on it every day.

"The Risky Road campaign empowers community members to voice their concerns about dangerous roads and intersections, so we can work together with relevant authorities to get them fixed and ultimately try to save lives."

For a copy of the 2014 regional Risky Roads campaign results visit www.rac.com.au/riskyroads

To review the most frequently nominated regional roads and intersections please see next page.

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Great Southern Regional Results -

City of Albany:

| Rank | Road/intersection | Issue | Member suggestions |
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| 1 | Albany Highway x South Coast Highway, Albany* * includes Chester Pass x Hanrahan x North Road x Albany Highway roundabout. | Confusing intersection layout with difficulty turning right from South Coast highway onto Albany highway and sight issues for left turning traffic. Significant conflict with nearby roundabout and high volume of heavy vehicle traffic. | Coordinated traffic lights for roundabout and South Coast Highway intersection. |
| 2 | Albany Highway x Anson Road, Milpara | Lack of turning opportunities | Installation of traffic lights |
| 3 | Sanford road x North Road, Albany | Confusing intersection design | Installation of roundabout and improved line markings |
| 4 | Albany Highway, Kojonup | Lack of overtaking opportunities | Installation of passing lanes |
| 5* | Frenchman Bay Road x Hanrahan Road, Albany | Confusing intersection | Install roundabout |
| 5* | Hunwick Road South x Lower Denmark Road, Torbay | Unstable surface | Seal road and impose speed limit |

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| Rank | Road/intersection | Issue | Member suggestions |
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| 1 | Albany Highway. Kojonup to Albany | Lack of passing opportunities | Install additional passing lanes |

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| Rank | Road/intersection | Issue | Member suggestions |
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| 1 | Albany Highway, Kojonup to Mt Barker | Lack of passing opportunities | Install additional passing lanes |
| 2 | Denmark-Mt Barker Road, Mr Barker | Poor road surface and roadside hazards | Road upgrades, protective barriers and sealing of shoulders |
| 3 | Muir's Highway | Lack of passing opportunities | Install additional passing lanes |

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