



Media Release

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Pilbara 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.

Heavy vehicles were identified as a key concern of Pilbara drivers with survey respondents calling for improved road infrastructure and more overtaking opportunities.

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 currently 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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Pilbara Regional Results -

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Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Tom Price – Paraburdoo road	Steep edges and excessive speed of heavy vehicles	Install guard rails or wire rope barriers near steep drops.
2	North West Coastal Highway	Narrow lane width	Widen road to accommodate larger trucks
3	Great Northern Highway, Tom Price	Lack of overtaking opportunities	Install passing lanes, improve edges and better line markings with retro-reflectors.
4	Onslow road	Poor road surface	Tarmac from previous works has not been levelled.
5	Nameless Valley Drive, Tom Price	Poor road surface	Improve edges and better line markings with retro-reflectors, reseal.

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