



# Media Release

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## **South West 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.

Bussell Highway ranked as WA's second riskiest road and the most complained about road in the South West region.

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](http://www.rac.com.au/riskyroads)

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

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## South-West Regional Results -

### City of Bunbury:

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Alyxia Drive x Forrest Highway, Vittoria	No advanced warning of merge point or intersection. Frequent red-light running.	Install additional merge point line markings and install advance signal warning lights on approach to intersection
2	Crampton Ave x Parade road, Usher	Congestion from adjoining residential suburb and lack of turning opportunities.	Installation of roundabout or right turning lanes
3	Hasties Road, Gelorup	Poor road surface	Resurface road and upgrade drain covers
4	Spencer street x Constitution Street, Bunbury	Poorly designed pedestrian facilities	Upgrade pedestrian facilities
5	Hasties Road x Bussell Highway, Gelorup	Lack of turning opportunities	Upgrade intersection

### Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Forrest road x Wallcliffe road x Bussell Highway, Margaret River	Poor intersection design	Install roundabout with pedestrian facilities
2	Caves Road	Excess speed for current road environment	Reduce speed limit
3	Wallcliffe road x Caves Road, Margaret River	Excess speed on Caves road approach to intersection.	Reduce speed on Caves road approach
4	Bussell Highway, Margaret River (town site)	High volume of large trucks	Construct heavy vehicle bypass
5	Willmott Ave x Bussell Highway, Margaret River	Poor intersection design, misalignment and pedestrian infrastructure	Install roundabout to align intersections

### City of Busselton:

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Tuart Drive x Bussell Highway, Yalyalup (Busselton)	Obstructed visibility from road signs and vegetation	Reposition signs and prune or remove vegetation
2*	Bussell Highway (Capel to Busselton)	Lack of overtaking opportunities	Carriageway duplication
2*	Busselton Bypass x Fairway Drive, West Busselton	Lack of turning opportunities	Installation of roundabout
3	Bell Drive x Bussell Highway, Busselton	Lack of turning opportunities	Upgrade of intersection to accommodate right turning lane and holding area in highway median
4	Caves Road, Yallingup	Lack of overtaking opportunities, roadside hazards (trees) and excessive speed	Create 'tourist drive' with lower speed limit and installation of additional passing lanes
5	Fairlawn road x Strelly Street, Busselton	Confusing intersection layout	Improved line marking with stop line on Fairlawn road.

# Media Statement



## Shire of Capel:

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Bussell Highway (Capel to Busselton)	Lack of overtaking opportunities	Carriageway duplication

## Shire of Collie:

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	Coalfields Road, Collie	Narrow road and bridge	Replace and realign Hamilton Bridge

## Shire of Manjimup:

Rank	Road/intersection	Issue	Member suggestions
1	South Western Highway, Manjimup region	Narrow lanes and lack of passing opportunities	Install additional passing lanes, widen road and clear road shoulders
2	Muir Highway, Manjimup region	Narrow lanes and lack of passing opportunities	Install additional passing lanes, widen road and clear road shoulders

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