



# Media Release

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## Mixed results for WA Government at half way mark

An RAC report card marking two years since the Western Australian Government's re-election has again revealed mixed results for road safety, congestion and cost of motoring.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs Will Golsby said the report card is a timely assessment of progress in delivering the major initiatives and projects that formed the basis of the Government's election commitments on transport.

"Of particular concern is the lack of action to keep the cost of motoring down," he said.

"The community has borne increases in State Government fees and charges well above the rate of inflation for the past two budgets. Reports earlier this year that motorists could be slugged an additional \$100 'congestion tax', on top of large increases last year, would have a dire impact on households."

Other areas identified as needing action include the Review of Road Safety Governance and the commitment to develop and build Perth's first light rail network.

"The RAC called for reform of road safety governance in WA and, in 2013, welcomed the Government's announcement that a review would take place. Twelve months on, the community is still waiting to see how the State Government will implement the Review authored by Peter Browne, and its 56 recommendations," Mr Golsby said.

"WA's 2014 road toll is a tragic indicator that action on road safety is urgently needed and our community needs assurance that everything is being done to reduce the road toll.

Mr Golsby said the upcoming State Budget is another opportunity for the WA Government to signal its intention to fund and support projects that will help meet the increasing demands being placed on our road and public transport system and to keep all road users safe.

"To meet the challenges ahead, we must step up not scale back our investment in infrastructure and initiatives, particularly around public transport and cycling infrastructure," Mr Golsby said.

RAC has become increasingly alarmed that much-anticipated strategic transport plans for our State and capital city have not been finalised and released.

"It's vital that the State doesn't fall behind on critical planning and projects needed to support our growing population and maturing cities and towns and RAC is pleased to see that a number of projects identified at risk a year ago are now on-track."

To read the RAC's full report card, visit the RAC website.

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