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RAC disappointed with abandoned transport plans

Reports the State Government will be abandoning two of its key transport plans for Perth - the Public Transport Plan for Perth 2031 and the Moving People Network Plan - is a major disappointment for the State.

RAC General Manager of Corporate Affairs, Will Golsby, says RAC initially welcomed the Government's release of the draft transport plans in 2011, however became increasingly alarmed that they would never see the light of day.

"The reality is that the Public Transport Plan for 2031 has remained in draft since 2011, while the Moving People Network Plan was never actually released despite it being developed four years ago," Mr Golsby said.

"RAC has been advocating for these plans for quite some time, and has been urging the State Government to deliver a more robust public transport system."

As WA's population continues to surge, daily traffic jams have been touted to cost the state \$16 billion a year in lost productivity by 2031.

Western Australia is facing a congestion crisis, with Perth on its way to become the most congested capital in the country. Infrastructure Australia has predicted that in a mere 15 years' time, seven out of the 10 most congested roads in the country will be in Perth.

"With more than 1,000 submissions provided to the Government, the community clearly wanted to engage in the State's future, but have now been left in limbo on what will be the way forward to shape transport infrastructure in WA," Mr Golsby said.

"Western Australia needs a transport plan to address the ever growing congestion crisis."

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