

# Media Release

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## Federal priorities for Western Australia

RAC says the Australian Government should support and fund five key infrastructure projects which will provide real solutions to the transport challenges facing Western Australia.

RAC General Manager Corporate Affairs Will Golsby says the [RAC Federal Priorities for Western Australia](#) provided the opportunity to invest and deliver safer and more efficient roads, and a connected and reliable public transport system.

“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, and congestion will cost more than \$16 billion a year by 2031,” said Mr Golsby.

“Connecting people to jobs and services is vital to ensure Perth remains productive and liveable. To achieve this we need investment in technology solutions that will squeeze more out of the existing infrastructure, and funding that will deliver a better public transport system.

“We are also focussing on the movement of freight across the regions to increase safety and access to critical port infrastructure.”

RAC’s Federal infrastructure priorities are:

- Perth light rail
- Road network management technologies
  - Self-driving vehicles and network systems
  - Tonkin Highway, Reid Highway to Leach Highway
  - Kwinana Freeway from Perth’s CBD to Manning Road
  - Kwinana Freeway, Roe Highway to Thomas Road
  - Roe Highway, Kwinana Freeway to Tonkin Highway
  - Mitchell Freeway, Hutton Street to Warwick Road
- Rolling program of grade separations
  - Reid Highway: Erindale Road
  - Reid Highway: Tonkin Highway to West Swan Road
  - Roe Highway: Tonkin Highway to Great Eastern Highway
- Thornlie rail line extension
- Bunbury Outer Ring Road

RAC is encouraging WA Federal Members of Parliament to use the [RAC Federal Priorities for Western Australia](#) to advocate for a fairer share of infrastructure funding for WA.

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