



Media Release

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RAC & CCI WA launch business congestion survey

The Chamber of Commerce & Industry (CCI) and RAC have again joined forces to investigate how the growing issue of congestion is affecting businesses in Western Australia.

CCI and RAC BusinessWise members will have the chance to voice their opinions on how congestion is impacting their business.

RAC Group Chief Executive Officer Terry Agnew said the latest Infrastructure Australia report highlighted the impact of congestion on Western Australia and showed that the State urgently needs a plan.

“Without change, congestion is estimated to cost our State \$16 billion a year in lost productivity by 2031,” Mr Agnew said.

“Perth is on its way to become the most congested capital in the country. Infrastructure Australia has predicted that in a mere 15 years’ time, seven of the 10 most congested roads in the country will be in Perth.”

CCI Chief Executive Officer Deidre Willmott said the average commuter spent 73 hours a year stuck in traffic, which had a negative impact on the economy and the liveability of Perth.

“CCI’s vision is for Western Australia to be a world-leading place to live and do business, and that means spending less time stuck in traffic,” Ms Willmott said.

“Congestion also adds a very real cost to businesses through lost productivity and the CCI-RAC survey aims to find where the problems are so we can fix them.”

As member-based organisations, RAC and CCI will use the results as part of their advocacy campaigns to help government understand how congestion affects businesses in Western Australia.

The 2013 RAC-CCI Business Congestion Survey found congestion had negatively impacted the business of 83 per cent of respondents.

The results of the survey will be released later this year.

All WA businesses are encouraged to take part in the survey – www.rac.com.au/congestionsurvey

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