



Keeping Western Australians on the move.

A road map for the next Western Australian Government.

The RAC is Western Australia's leading member organisation representing the views and interests of more than 750,000 members. It is one of Western Australia's most trusted organisations and is independent of government. The RAC is an apolitical organisation.

WHAT RAC MEMBERS ARE LOOKING FOR

The next Western Australian government will be judged on five key commitments:

- Any increases in motoring costs and charges to be kept at or below the rate of inflation.
- Tackling congestion through an integrated and funded strategy of road, public transport and cycling projects.
- The use of Royalties for Regions funding to improve the safety of dangerous country roads.
- A renewed commitment to efforts to reduce deaths and serious injuries on WA roads.
- A new rescue helicopter to be based in the State's south-west.



COST OF MOTORING

The cost of motoring has consistently rated amongst the top three concerns for RAC members.

Western Australian households have faced significant increases in the cost of essential household services such as water, gas and electricity. There is some scope for families to reduce their usage to limit the impact of these increased charges.

This, however, is not the case when it comes to motoring charges such as registration, compulsory third party insurance and licence fees which are levied regardless of the amount of use.

Any increase in motoring costs during the next term of Parliament must be kept at or below the rate of inflation.

55%

of RAC members are concerned about the cost of motoring.

CONGESTION

The delivery of road, public transport and cycling projects needs to be accelerated if Perth is to tackle its worsening congestion problems.

Congestion is having a major social impact on our quality of life and is also damaging our economic productivity, environment and health.

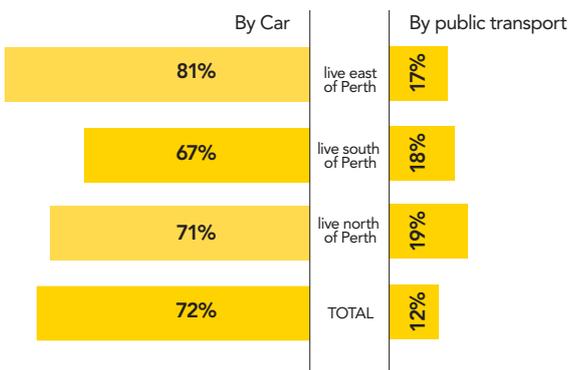
The next government must:

- Deliver a light rail system linking the City to our northern suburbs and university precincts;
- Commit to the extension of the Thornlie line to Cockburn Central via Canning Vale;
- Commit to a heavy rail link to the airport and through to High Wycombe;
- Release a detailed plan for an orbital rail line (this will comprise some already proposed connections such as the airport line and Canning Vale extension);

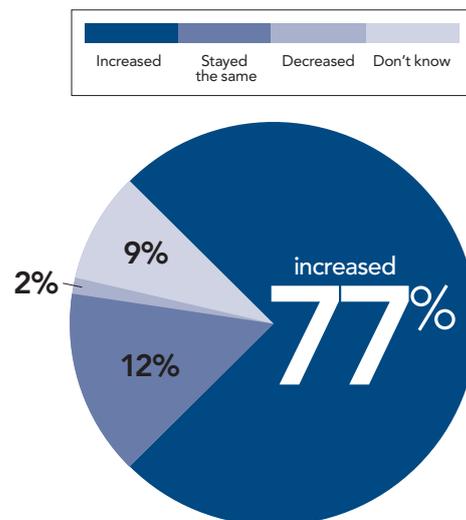
- Make available a free App to communicate bus arrival information for Perth buses using the existing GPS technology;
- Grade separate all major intersections on the Tonkin and Reid highways;
- Extend the Mitchell Freeway to Hester Avenue and add an additional lane to the Kwinana Freeway to Cockburn Central;
- Release a plan for the roll-out of managed motorways (full lane management) and include in all new freeway and highway projects;
- Prepare a feasibility study for a new river crossing (tunnel/ bridge) in Perth; and
- Complete the Principal Shared Path Network within the next term of Parliament.

Further priority projects are identified in the RAC Transport Visions – Urban Transport document, to be released prior to the State election.

Normal means of travelling to work*



Exposure to traffic congestion*



SAFER COUNTRY ROADS

Too many people are being killed on Western Australia's country roads.

The figures reveal that most of the victims are, in fact, country drivers driving on roads in their local region.

The Road Trauma Trust Account – which collects all speed and red light camera revenue – is providing significant funds to improve the safety of country roads. But it is nowhere near enough.

The next government must commit to match this funding dollar-for-dollar with money from the Royalties for Regions program as a start to what will be a decade of work to make our country roads safer.

INCREASED FOCUS ON ROAD SAFETY

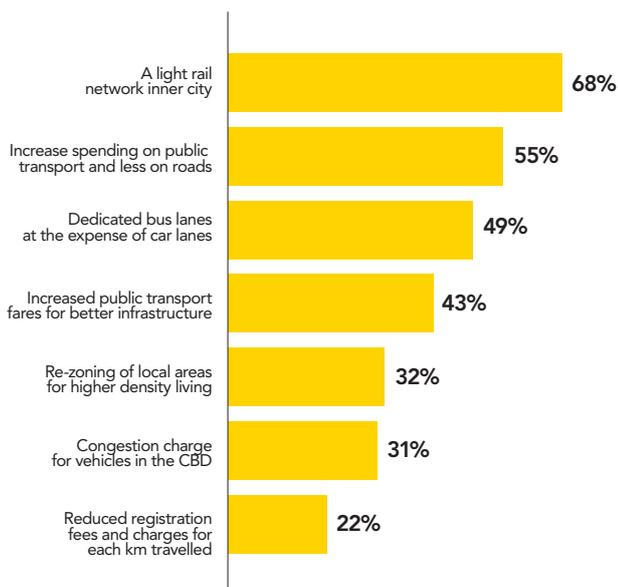
The next State government must show a renewed commitment to road safety by:

- Reversing the decline of traffic hours performed by WA Police;
- Increasing the number of random breath tests to meet the best practice standard of one test per driver per year;
- Increasing on-road protection for emergency service, road-side and breakdown response workers;
- Reviewing and updating Western Australia's road safety management and accountability structures;
- Examining the benefits of post-licence driver training in light of international success in reducing young driver deaths;
- Requiring that safety ratings be displayed on all new cars and used cars sold by licensed dealers;
- Reversing cost-shifting within the Road Trauma Trust Account;
- Changing the law so that drunk or drug driving causing death offences are treated as manslaughter; and
- Reviewing evidence for an extension of the zero Blood Alcohol Content period for young drivers.

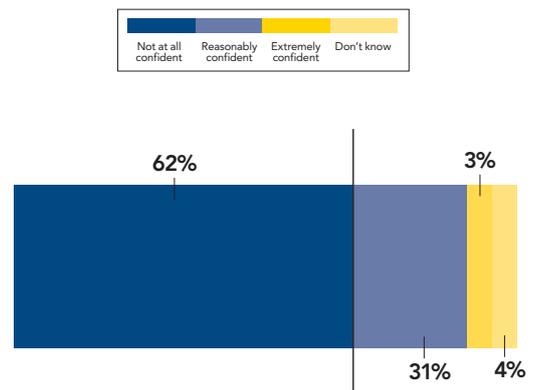
86%

of RAC members support sentencing drink drivers who cause fatal accidents in a similar way as manslaughter offenders

Support for initiatives to address congestion*



Confidence in political parties to tackle congestion*



A NEW RESCUE HELICOPTER

The RAC Rescue Helicopter has flown almost 3,000 missions and saved hundreds of lives, many of which have been victims of road crashes. Given Western Australia's poor record of road crashes on country roads, a second helicopter is urgently needed to service the State's south west region. This will increase the survival rates of road crash victims and allow them to receive hospital-based treatment within the so-called "golden hour" of survival. The second helicopter would also provide timely medical support and rescue assistance in a range of other emergency situations.



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