



## MEDIA RELEASE

### FUNDING TO FIX BLACK SPOTS IN WHEATBELT

**4 June 2014:** The Australian Government is delivering on its plan to build safer roads and a stronger economy through its record \$500 million investment in the national Black Spot Programme.

Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development Jamie Briggs and Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson MP today announced funding of \$363,500 to fix two dangerous black spots in the Wheatbelt.

The approved projects are:

- **North Bannister-Pingelly Road North Wandering Road WEST PINGELLY:** \$312,650 to realign to form a T-junction, upgrade signs and guideposts; and
- **Beaufort Road Norring Road WAGIN:** \$50,900 to widen approaches and upgrade signs and guideposts.

The projects were recommended by a panel of independent road safety experts and will be delivered during the course of the coming financial year (2014-15).

Mr Wilson said this investment in Black Spot projects will deliver safer roads for the Shires of Pingelly and Wagin through targeted upgrades proven to deliver results.

“Black Spot projects target dangerous roads to save lives and reduce road trauma, ensuring our local roads are safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

“Anyone can suggest an intersection or stretch of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade, and we strongly encourage all councils and individuals to submit their nominations,” he said.

Further information and nomination forms can be downloaded from:

<http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots/index.aspx>

A recent evaluation of the programme found that fatal and casualty crashes are reduced at treated sites by 30%, equalling one life per year for every 84 projects.

This programme delivers genuine results by saving lives and returning around \$7.70 for every \$1 invested by reducing the number and cost of road crashes.

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