

## Media Release – The Hon Shelley Payne MLC

### Esperance to benefit from WA Black Spot funding.

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- State Government allocates \$19.34 million to State Black Spot Program
- Road safety upgrades and improvements will be carried out at 73 locations, including two locations in Shire of Esperance
- A total of 38 locations in the metropolitan area and 35 in regional WA
- Reflects a strong ongoing partnership between the State and local governments

Transport Minister Rita Saffioti announced earlier this week that more than \$19 million has been allocated through the 2023/24 State Black Spot Program to fund upgrades and safety improvements for 73 projects across Western Australia. This includes two identified Black Spots in the Shire of Esperance:

- South Coast Highway (Stage 3): \$600,000 allocated to widen and seal shoulders, seal approaches to Bukenerup Road and Collier Road intersections and install channelised median islands at both intersections; and
- Coolgardie Esperance Highway-Airport Access Road (Stage 1): \$50,000 allocated to widen the carriageway at the intersection, install a right running lane into Airport Access Road, improve delineation, signs, and pavement markings.

A total of \$19.34 million has been allocated by the State Government, with local governments committing more than \$4 million to the next round of State Black Spots.

Since its inception, the WA Black Spot Program has delivered nearly half a billion dollars in safety initiatives on the WA road network.

All projects have been thoroughly assessed using crash records to identify problems at these known hazardous locations to determine the most appropriate solution.

These projects support existing road infrastructure as well as major road projects helping to improve road safety and create jobs.

A full list of the projects funded in the 2023/24 State Black Spot Program can be found [here](#).

The funding for regional black spots comes on top of the \$825 million that has been invested towards the Regional Road Safety Program since 2020.

To date, the Regional Road Safety Program has seen more than 7000 kilometres of the State regional road network upgraded with safety treatments like audible edge lines and sealed shoulders, with 8500 kilometres expected to be complete by mid-2024.

#### Comments attributed to Agricultural Region MLC Shelley Payne

"The WA Black Spot Program is such an important program to ensure our road networks across both regional and metropolitan WA are safe for road users", she said.

"The investment made by the Cook Labor Government towards this program and the Regional Road Safety Program is evidence of our commitment to road safety."

**Comments attributed to Transport Minister Rita Saffioti:**

"Our Government understands the challenge of road safety requires ongoing effort and investments, which is why we continue to fund important projects through the State Black Spot Program.

"Since its inception, the State Black Spot Program has delivered around \$500 million in safety upgrades on our road network, ensuring known risks are addressed.

"The program aims to further improve road safety across the State, reducing the significant trauma and suffering of crash victims and their loved ones by targeting sites with a proven crash history or those with a high risk."

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