



## Minister for Transport; Disability Services

Hon. Simon O'Brien MLC

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Hon Anthony Albanese, MP  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development  
and Local Government  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Albanese

Thank you for your letter of 24 February 2009 concerning the Federal Government's Black Spot program and additional funding allocation under the Nation Building Packages.

You may be assured that the Commonwealth's additional Black Spot funding is a welcome supplement to the existing State and National Black Spot safety programs. The Commonwealth funding will enable the program to contribute towards enhancing safety for road users.

I am advised that discussions have taken place at officer level between Main Roads and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government to determine project eligibility.

Main Roads advises that on 27 February 2009 it provided a comprehensive list of the proposed projects, based on a safety assessment, up to the allocation, as outlined in your letter.

Following approval of the program, I have asked Main Roads WA to ensure the projects are undertaken without delay. To this end I understand Main Roads has been working closely with Western Australian Local Governments and other stakeholders and that all parties recognise the importance of delivering the works in a timely manner.

The State will comply with the Black Spot Program Notes on Administration and Main Roads will provide regular expenditure reports to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government on these Commonwealth funded projects.

You may be further assured that the Western Australian Government recognises the significance of the additional funding program and is looking forward to ensuring safety benefits are delivered across the State.

Yours sincerely

Hon Simon O'Brien, MLC  
**MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT**

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