



The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Minister for Infrastructure,
Transport, Regional Development
and Local Government
Leader of the House

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The Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Minister for Transport
Parliament House
GPO Box A11
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Dear Minister

Simon,

I am pleased to advise that I have approved \$2,705,000 of (capped) funding to Western Australia split \$950,000 in 2008-09 and \$1,755,000 in 2009-10 for rest areas and decoupling bays under the Australian Government's Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program (HVSPP). I have also approved the requested tender exemption for some of the proposed works. Copies of the Project Approval and Tender Exemption instruments are attached for your information.

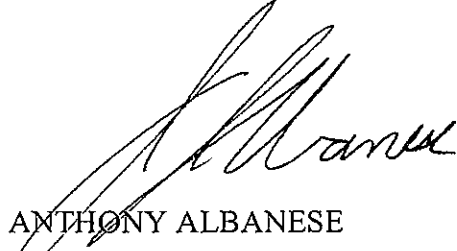
Your Department is required to report to my Department on progress, including information on the number of direct and indirect jobs which have been created by the Projects. My Department will contact your Department on timing of payments and how progress is to be monitored. If savings should occur, the savings or any interest earned from Australian Government funds held by WA must be expended on other projects within the HVSPP subject to the agreement of the Australian Government.

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, Main Roads Western Australia is required to liaise with relevant environmental agencies to identify environmental and/or heritage issues that need to be addressed. Any matters of national environmental or heritage significance must be referred to the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, Australian Government Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts.

The Government will invite further submissions later this year for the second round of \$40 million available under the HVSP for 2010-11 and 2011-12.

I look forward to working with you on this Program.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony Albanese', written in a cursive style.

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