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## **Electronic School Zone Speed Signage for Pinetree Gully Road**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton has welcomed the State Government's accelerated roll-out of electronic flashing school zone speed signs.

"Ten new electronic school zones will be installed at locations throughout the metropolitan area, including a much-needed one in Pinetree Gully Road, Willetton, that will cover the three schools, Willetton Senior High School, Burrendah Primary School and Castlereagh School that are located there," said Dr Nahan.

"I have pushed for an electronic school zone for this area because the traffic congestion is extremely heavy at pick up and drop off times due to the three schools being in such close proximity."

"Added to that, the schools are located across the road from the busy Southlands Shopping Centre so it is vitally important to ensure that drivers are made aware that this is a school zone. I am very pleased that Transport Minister Simon O'Brien has also recognised the need and has responded so positively."

Dr Nahan said research shows clearly that a slowing down does save lives.

"A pedestrian struck by a vehicle travelling at 40km/h is more likely to avoid death and serious injury than a pedestrian struck by a vehicle travelling at 50km/h or above," said Dr Nahan.

"The new flashing signs, which will be installed in time for the start of Term 1 next year, will make it plainly obvious to a motorist that they are travelling through a school zone and to drive accordingly. There really is no excuse for ignoring these eye-catching flashing signs."

"Lynwood Senior High School already has them installed on High Road and they work extremely well. My next priority is to work towards having these types of lights installed in Karel Avenue outside Rossmoyne Senior High School too."

"Currently across the State, there are 21 electronic school zones and the Transport Minister has indicated that he would like to further expand the program as funding becomes available."

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