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Changes to Local Roads To Increase Safety For Residents

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said significant road changes planned to be undertaken in April at the corner of Leach Highway and High Road in Shelley and in Willeri Drive in Willetton would result in increased safety for local residents.

"I have been working with constituents who live near both sites who have been concerned at the number of crashes at those locations," said Dr Nahan.

"I am very pleased that Main Roads has agreed to my request for crash barriers to be installed at the corner of Leach Highway and High Road to stop vehicles careering through that intersection and crashing into property, and that the speed limit in Willeri Drive near the corner of Hossack Avenue will be lowered from 70km/h to 60km/h."

"The Leach Highway and High Road intersection has been a problem for the last seven years. One constituent who lives nearby has told me of multiple accidents over that period where drivers and their vehicles have ended up crashing into the rear brick wall of their property."

"The works at that site, which may need to be undertaken at night because of the high traffic counts at that intersection, will include the installation of 30m of crash barrier and around 50m of mountable kerbing and related infrastructure."

Dr Nahan said the lowering of the speed limit in Willeri Drive had been one of the recommendations from a community meeting involving local residents, the City of Canning representatives and Dr Nahan.

"Residents have told me that many drivers speed well over the current 70km per hour limit in Willeri Drive and often come to grief near the intersection of Hossack Avenue," said Dr Nahan.

"I am aware that Council is working on other initiatives to improve that intersection in conjunction with community members. In the meantime, the lowering of the speed limit in Willeri Drive should force drivers to slow down and be far more cautious in that area."

"It is expected that the new speed signs will be erected in April and a series of newspaper advertisements will also run in the local newspapers over several weeks to alert the community to the change."

"Both of these measures are necessary to improve the safety of residents living close to those locations."

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