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Traffic Lights For Major Crash Intersection in Willetton

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton said community concerns about the dangers at the corner of Apsley Road and Vahland Avenue should be allayed when work starts this month on the installation of much-needed traffic lights at the intersection.

"The intersection of Vahland Avenue and Apsley Road in Willetton is well known as a local danger spot," said Dr Nahan.

"Recently, the intersection was listed on the RAC WA's Risky Roads Survey as being one of the ten worst intersections in the metropolitan area because of the inadequate crossing or turning opportunities due to poor visibility and speeding vehicles."

"I have raised community concerns about this intersection in the past and Main Roads and the City of Canning have been working hard to resolve the issue. Works on the installation of the traffic lights should commence this month. These will assist drivers to safely turn right out of Apsley Road."

Dr Nahan said the new traffic signals had been approved under the 2010/11 Black Spot Program.

"Main Roads Crash Data Statistics show that there have been 40 crashes at that intersection and of those, 26 were right angle crashes. As a result, the intersection qualified for Black Spot funding," said Dr Nahan.

"The new signals will be a T-intersection layout with protected left and right turns. Pedestrian crossing facilities that conform to disability standards will also be provided."

"The project should significantly reduce the number of accidents at that site, particularly the number of right angle type crashes once the traffic lights are operations later this year."

Dr Nahan said that although the intersection rated very highly on the RAC's Risky Roads Survey, on the Main Road's Frequency of Accidents Intersection Crash Ranking, it came in at number 575 across the metropolitan area.

"With an average of 18,000 vehicles per weekday on Vahland Avenue and around 7,000 vehicles per weekday on Apsley Road, this is a very busy intersection. Once the new traffic lights are installed, they will make a huge difference to the safety of local people using this intersection," he said.

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