

MEDIA STATEMENT



**Joint Media Statement from
Hon. Christian Porter MLA
Member for Bateman
and
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Member for Riverton**

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No Excuse For Speeding Near Rossmoyne Senior High

Bateman MLA Christian Porter and Riverton MLA Dr Mike Nahan have been working together with the school community to have flashing electronic school zone signs installed at Rossmoyne Senior High School.

The flashing electronic signs will be programmed to be activated during the operation of the 40km/h school speed zone on school days.

"There will be no excuse for speeding through school zones – the flashing LED signs are designed to increase driver awareness of school zones during school days", Mr Porter said.

"These signs encourage greater compliance by motorists and will reduce the number of pedestrian injuries during school pick up and drop off times."

Dr Nahan said there had been overwhelming support for this project from the school and its community.

"I met with many of the parents who were collecting their children before and after school and they were very supportive of this project," said Dr Nahan.

"Funding for the State Government's Electronic School Zone sign project is limited and priority is being given to schools like Rossmoyne Senior High School because of its close proximity to Karel Avenue, which is a multi-lane road where the speed zone is 60km/h or above."

"The flashing signs help to alert drivers to the fact that this area is a school zone and that they should slow down to 40km/h during peak school times. They should make a dramatic difference to safety of the school students and will aid the school's crossing guards to undertake their role of stopping the traffic to ensure the students can safely cross that road."

Mr Porter said, "This Government is committed to road safety around schools. By the end of June, 25 new electronic school zone signs will have been installed – bringing the total number of sites to 51."

"In the coming financial year, an additional 30 schools are expected to receive these eye catching signs."

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