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## **State-wide Strategy for Suicide Prevention**

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton joined with Premier Colin Barnett and the State Government to welcome the new \$13 million State-wide strategy for suicide prevention.

"It is fitting that today, on World Suicide Prevention Day, that the \$13 million new strategy to help prevent suicide across Western Australia was launched," said Dr Nahan.

"Premier Barnett and I took a strategy to help prevent suicide to the last election and that strategy has been largely adopted in the formation of 'The Western Australian Suicide Prevention 2009-2013 Strategy'.

"This strategy sends a strong message that suicide is everyone's business. It outlines a way forward for individuals, groups and organisations to work collaboratively to reduce the loss of life from suicide."

"I also welcome the Government's push to establish new partnerships with non-government organisations who will be appointed to implement the strategy."

"The non-government organisation's role will be to increase public awareness and to oversee research, evaluation, education and training in suicide prevention. It makes sense to involve people who, like us, are passionate about doing something to prevent suicides and self-harm."

Dr Nahan encouraged members of the community to view the strategy on the following website: <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/mentalhealth/home> or to contact his office if they require further information.

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