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MORE FEDERAL MONEY TO FIX NORTH WEST ROAD BLACK SPOTS

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and Braddon MP Sid Sidebottom today announced the Rudd Labor Government will provide \$617,100 to fix seven dangerous black spots on North West roads.

The 7 approved projects range from Circular Head to Latrobe:

- **Intersection of Steele Street and Watkinson Street at Devonport:** \$150,000 to install a roundabout;
- **Intersection of Best Street and Gunn Street at Devonport:** \$120,000 to install traffic signals, with Devonport City Council contributing a further \$30,000;
- **Westella Drive, 1km section west of Stubbs Road, at Ulverstone:** \$100,000 to install a safety barrier;
- **Faheys Lane, near Amos Road at Irishtown:** \$87,010 to realign the road adjacent to the junction, with Circular Head Council contributing a further \$37,290;
- **Intersection of Tarleton Road and Jowetts Lane at Spreyton:** \$81,500 to remodel the road junction, with Devonport City Council contributing a further \$35,000;
- **Intersection of Melrose Road and Kelcey Tier Road at Eugenana:** \$45,000 to remodel the road junction, with Devonport City Council contributing a further \$20,000; and
- **River Road, 350m section near Lochner Street at Latrobe:** \$33,600 to install a safety barrier, with Latrobe Council contributing a further \$14,400.

All projects were recommended by a panel of independent road safety experts and will be delivered during the course of the coming financial year (2010/2011).

Mr Sidebottom said since being elected, the Rudd Labor Government has allocated \$2.7 million to fix 24 black spots across the North West.

“This investment is helping to make our local roads even safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, with four of these projects already completed,” Mr Sidebottom said.

“And the good thing about our Black Spot program is that anyone can suggest an intersection or section of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade.

“Nomination forms are available from my office. Alternatively, they can be downloaded from: www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au.”

Mr Albanese said an independent evaluation of the program found it prevented at least 32 fatalities and more than 1,500 serious injuries in its first three years, underscoring its effectiveness at reducing fatal car accidents.

“That’s why nationally we’ve doubled the program’s funding to half a billion dollars – more than honouring all our election commitments.”