



## POSITIVE POLICY

# Perth Growth Corridor Infrastructure Program

Labor believes in making our cities work better and ensuring Australians in growth areas have access to the same quality infrastructure as those living in more established ones.

That is why a Shorten Labor Government will invest in new infrastructure in Perth's key growth corridors.

Labor will fund a METRONET with a \$1 billion contribution to planning and then construction.

Labor will duplicate Armadale Road, build the North Lake Road Bridge and fix one of Western Australia's most notorious intersections at Denny Avenue in Kelmscott to get ahead of congestion in southern Perth.

This is the first step in Labor's plan for productivity enhancing infrastructure in Perth that will deliver hundreds of jobs and make life easier for tens of thousands of families and businesses.

The Community Connect South project will open up the south eastern corridor of Perth, removing congestion, improving travel times and improving access to the new suburbs of Piara Waters, Harrisdale, Hilbert, Haynes, Banjup and Forrestdale.

This important project will support the growth of business parks and shopping centres in the area which in turn will support and grow local jobs.

Labor will also deliver \$25 million to upgrade Denny Avenue and its intersections with Streich Avenue, Albany Highway and the rail crossing. Recent growth in the Kelmscott area has seen this 200 metre stretch of road become increasingly hazardous.

Since 2010, 18,000 new residents have settled in the City of Armadale which puts increased pressure on this rail crossing and intersection. A preliminary estimate of the cost of this project is around \$50 million and further detailed design and planning work will be required.

These investments are a much-needed down payment to create more local jobs, more liveable suburbs and more productive communities in the West.

Labor will also address congestion issues in Perth's north-west corridor.

Wanneroo Road is specifically mentioned in Infrastructure Australia's description of congestion points in the Perth north-west corridor.

Delays at these intersections are contributing to an estimated delay cost of \$2 billion by 2031 across this corridor.

Labor's \$45 million commitment will provide up to \$22.5 million for the grade separation of Wanneroo Road and Ocean Reef Road, and a further up to \$22.5 million for the grade separation of Wanneroo Road and Joondalup Drive.

These overpasses will provide for grade separation between Wanneroo Road and the crossroads at these intersections, avoiding the need for lights and significantly improving the flow of traffic.

These works will improve traffic flow at these growing intersections, significantly improving journey times and safety.

Labor calls on the WA Liberal Government to match Labor's commitments and to provide the additional funding required to complete these projects.

How our cities function is a key productivity, growth and jobs issue. It strongly links to economic policy. Labor has a proper cities policy, that means taking an integrated approach to how cities are built, developing public transport and roads together, using smart infrastructure solutions to manage our existing infrastructure assets better and planning ahead. Labor has always been interested in cities, not just putting in a half-hearted effort in the last six months.

We need to anticipate and get ahead of expected growth. These overpasses are an example of that.

The Abbott-Turnbull Liberals have done nothing to help create jobs in WA either, with deep cuts hitting business and consumer confidence.

Western Australians deserve better, and when it comes to local infrastructure, Labor will ensure they get it.

And there's more to come.



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These policies (including where relevant their costings from the independent Parliamentary Budget Office) were accurate at the time they were announced. Labor will publish the updated final cost of all policies and their combined impact on the Budget prior to election day.

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