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**Joint Statement from Chair of BGRA and President of CATRA in regards to Mainroads WA's
"Wanneroo Road / Joondalup Drive Interchange" project.**

As Chair of the Banksia Grove Residents' Association Inc. (BGRA), Michael Richards, and as President of the Carramar and Tapping Residents' Association Inc. (CATRA), Ian Hammond, we would like to confirm our position on the Mainroads WA roading project – "Wanneroo Road / Joondalup Drive Interchange".

It is the position of both the Chair of the BGRA and the President of CATRA that there are significant benefits to our communities from this project. This is an intersection, along with Joondalup Drive as a whole from the Burns Beach Road roundabout to Old Yanchep Road, that residents have been seeking congestion and safety improvements on, for a long time. We are both members of the Community Liaison Group for the project.

Whilst it is recognised that the traffic volumes at this intersection have dropped in some directions since the opening of the Mitchell Freeway Extension to Hester Ave, the Interchange project is designed to meet the demand from the ongoing (and significant) residential growth within and further east of Banksia Grove. The previous temporary intersection improvements, without the completion of the Interchange will see the Wanneroo Road, Joondalup Drive intersection heavily congested again in a short to medium timeframe.

It is important to note that walls on the raised section of the bridge section will prevent any vehicle occupants from seeing into any local properties.

Benefits to the wider Carramar, Ashby, Tapping and Banksia Grove communities of this new project include:

- Improved safety at a high crash intersection (Wanneroo Road, Joondalup Drive)
- Improved (and consistent) travel times, particularly East-West which is the higher growth direction
- Reduced noise at the intersection for local residents due to less stop start traffic, and the introduction of noise walls
- More efficient North-South traffic movements, including for business vehicles between Neerabup and Gnangara industrial estates
- Improvements to the Burns Beach Road / Joondalup Drive roundabout
- Investigation of improvements to Joondalup Drive / Cheriton Drive intersection
- Likely undergrounding of existing power lines

We welcome the investment of Federal and State funds in the area. This is a proactive approach to ensure the above improvements for local residents and businesses that will prevent an increase in congestion and will enhance road safety. It is a long term solution that whilst causing some inconvenience for the approximately 12 months of construction, will provide ongoing benefits.

We recommend any residents with questions on this project attend one of the two Mainroads project information sessions:

- Saturday 21 October at the Wanneroo Central Shopping Centre from 9am to 4:30pm
- Saturday 28 October at the Carramar Village Shopping Centre from 9am to 4:30pm

Visitors will be able to view the designs and raise questions with members of the project team.

Information is also available on the Mainroads WA website at the following link:

<https://www.mainroads.wa.gov.au/BuildingRoads/Projects/UrbanProjects/Pages/WannerooJoondalupInterchange.aspx>

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