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## The next steps for road safety

The challenge for the next State Government will be how it deals with the capacity of the state service and industry to roll out promised infrastructure projects, the RACT says.

RACT is pleased to see that both the Liberal and Labor parties have committed to developing 10-year plans for Tasmania's major highways, as well as many road and transport projects on our long-term priorities list.

The Liberals and Labor have committed to 10-year plans for the Tasman, Bass, Channel and Huon highways, while Labor will also develop these plans for the West Tamar and Arthur highways.

RACT Chief Advocacy Officer Garry Bailey said these commitments will lead to improvements in safety and road trauma, as well as efficiency.

"What we still don't know is what priority each of these 10-year plans and road projects will be given, their timelines and, in some cases, how they will be funded," he said.

"Our next step is to work with the new government to ensure it lives up to its promises. This will be focused on the development of these long-term plans but also the funding of important upgrades within them, including road maintenance."

Mr Bailey said it is important that these plans give Tasmanians a clear outline of upgrades, which will allow the state service and civil construction sector to plan for works.

"The next government should urgently examine and build the capacity, skills and resources of the state service and civil construction sector to ensure they have the ability to rollout these massive infrastructure projects," he said.

Mr Bailey added RACT has been keeping a scorecard of the three major parties' progress against its Election priorities, located on this [webpage](#).

"While Labor and the Liberals have met our priorities on road infrastructure, they haven't come to the party on reinvesting speed camera fine revenue into the latest speed and mobile phone detection devices.

"Premier Peter Gutwein said on Triple M radio last week that his government would consider the reinvestment of speed camera revenue, if it won the Election.

"We will ramp up our campaign on speed camera fine revenue post-Election."

Mr Bailey said while it is pleasing the Greens support both RACT's priorities, this support must turn into action following the Election.

"At the start of the Election campaign, RACT called for a tri-partisan approach to road safety, of which infrastructure is a critical element," he said.

Mr Bailey said RACT's priority scorecard had been shared to RACT's 207,000 members this week to help inform their vote.

"Through our Election webpage, RACT members have sent around 1100 letters to their local candidates calling for action on our priorities, so we know road safety is front of mind for many.

"When Tasmanians hit the polls on Saturday, we're calling on them to cast their vote for road safety."