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## **Government infrastructure plan must include West Tamar and Boat Harbour road fixes**

Later this week the Government will outline what it is describing as the biggest infrastructure spend in Tasmania's history.

RACT's Executive General Manager, Membership and Community, Stacey Pennicott, is urging the Government to make sure projects in the North and North-West are at the top of the list.

"RACT members have made it clear that they want the Government to fast-track upgrades to the West Tamar Highway and the Bass Highway near Boat Harbour," Ms Pennicott said.

"Our members in the north are extremely concerned at the state of the West Tamar Highway. We're calling for upgrades north of Rosevears Drive to Gravelly Beach Road and between Atkinsons Road and Waldhom Drive, new overtaking opportunities between Exeter and the Batman Highway and improvements around Motor Road Junction.

"These upgrades would make the West Tamar Highway much safer and help better connect communities in the area. Not only that, it would give the local economy a boost and support jobs.

"RACT members and the broader community are also very concerned about the notorious section of the Bass Highway near Boat Harbour.

"There have been some terrible accidents in the area in recent years and the community is rightly calling for work to be fast-tracked that would make that section of the Highway safer. The Government at least should look to bring forward roadworks to improve safety around the entrance to the Boat Harbour Primary School.

"We know that the Government has allocated funds to improve the Bass Highway west of Wynyard, and that plans are well advanced but it's time they actually delivered on this project."

Ms Pennicott said that this project was part of RACT's plan to fast-track infrastructure investment around the State and also part of RACT's Greater Hobart Mobility Vision released in April last year.

Further information on RACT's plan to fast-track infrastructure investment is available here -

<https://www.ract.com.au/community/related-articles/fast-tracking-our-infrastructure>