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Federal budget's investment in road safety will save lives

Last night's Federal Budget confirmed a number of significant investments in Tasmania's road infrastructure.

Chief Member Experience Officer, Stacey Pennicott, said that the challenge now would be for the state and federal governments to work together to ensure the projects announced last night can be rolled out quickly.

"The investments in projects like the South-East Traffic Solution are welcome, but we don't want to see these announcements get bogged down like a number of other projects. The state and federal governments need to demonstrate that they are up to the job and get these projects underway as quickly as possible," Ms Pennicott said.

"Not only will these projects deliver much needed investment and create jobs, they will also dramatically improve road safety.

"The RACT also welcomes the Federal Government's commitment to invest in additional road safety upgrades. The \$2 billion road safety fund announced last night will save lives. The fund will be open to the states on a 'first in, best dressed' basis and we hope the Tasmanian Government will be able to claim our fair share of the funding.

"While overall last night's Federal Budget was positive, the RACT will continue to push for strategic ten year plans and further investment in the Tasman, Bass and Midland Highways, as well as state and federal government support for transport and mobility strategies for the greater Launceston and Hobart areas."