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MORE FEDERAL FUNDING TO FIX LOCAL BLACK SPOTS

Federal Infrastructure and Transport Minister Anthony Albanese and Lindsay MP David Bradbury today announced the Rudd Labor Government will provide just over \$1.4 million to fix five dangerous black spots.

The approved projects in the Federal electorate of Lindsay are:

- Intersection of Richmond Road and Boomerang Place / Star Court at Cambridge Gardens: \$1,000,000 to install traffic signals and close the median;
- Intersection of Evan Street and The Crescent at Penrith: \$225,000 to install a roundabout, raised median and street lighting;
- Intersection of Mamre Road and Wilson Street at St Marys: \$70,000 to restrict access to left turn only into Wilson Street;
- Intersection of Mamre Road and Swanston Street / Putland Street at St Marys: \$60,000 to install traffic islands to make the intersection left-in and left-out only; and
- Intersection of Lemongrove Road and Macquarie Avenue at Penrith: \$50,000 to improve superelevation and provide guardrail.

All projects were recommended by a panel of independent road safety experts and will be delivered during the course of the coming financial year (2010/2011).

Mr Bradbury said since being elected, the Rudd Labor Government has allocated more than \$3.9 million to fix sixteen black spots across the Lindsay electorate.

“This investment is helping to make our local roads even safer for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians, with nine of these projects already completed,” said Mr Bradbury.

“I’m especially pleased to see the funding approved for the installation of traffic signals out the front of the McDonalds and Coles stores at Star Court in Cambridge Gardens, which has been a serious traffic blackspot for some years.

“And the good thing about our Black Spot program is that anyone can suggest an intersection or section of road they believe should be considered for a safety upgrade.

“Nomination forms are available from my office. Alternatively, they can be downloaded from: www.nationbuildingprogram.gov.au.”

Mr Albanese said an independent evaluation of the program found it prevented at least 32 fatalities and more than 1,500 serious injuries in its first three years, underscoring its effectiveness at reducing fatal car accidents.

“That’s why nationally we’ve doubled the program’s funding to half a billion dollars – more than honouring all our election commitments.”