



# Road upgrades welcomed

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UPGRADES to the recently completed Indian Ocean Drive have been welcomed by police and the local Agricultural member.

The Barnett Government has committed \$2.63 million to build vehicle overtaking lanes just north of the Yanchep Beach turn-off on Indian Ocean Drive.

Agricultural Region MLC Brian Ellis said the upgrades were proof the Government was committed to improving road safety in the region.

"Within two years of being elected, the Barnett Government fully-funded

the \$95 million Lancelin-Cervantes Road and delivered it under-budget, ahead of schedule and just in time for the school holidays," he said.

"This latest funding will make the coastal driving experience even safer for the thousands of holiday makers, caravaners and regional families."

The project includes construction of a northbound and southbound passing lane, pavement widening, rehabilitation to a nearby parking bay and modifications to intersections at Osman and Bindiar Roads.

Geraldton Senior Sergeant for Traffic Paul Matthews said any improvements to the road were welcomed.

"I think everyone is appreciative of the alternative road," he said.

"It is being used more frequently, especially by locals travelling to and from Perth."

He said the additional overtaking lanes would provide a safer journey for motorists.

"It gives people the opportunity to overtake and stops the frustration of being stuck behind another motorist," he said.

Sgt Matthew said he expected to see more upgrades to Indian Ocean Drive in the future.

"Without a doubt the road needs more concentration," he said.

"North of Leeman is a very curvy section and any improvements would be a good thing.

"I think the Government has made a commitment to improving the road so I am confident upgrades will continue."

Sgt Matthews said most people had been well behaved on the road since its completion in September.