

Melville Council's Stand on Highways. No Protection for the Environment or Homes

Why Melville Council's transport policies will increase traffic on South Street and Leach Highway.

- Melville Council has a policy which supports widening and upgrading sections of Leach Highway and Stock Road, (eg, Shelley Bridge duplication, 8 lanes in sections, a flyover) and widening High Street in Fremantle. **Melville's Transport Strategy of 2000 called for increasing the traffic capacity of roads in Melville.** Under Melville Council's proposals, you would get existing roads upgraded as well as two unnecessary highways, Roe Highway stage 8 and the Fremantle 'bypass', which will channel traffic onto existing roads.
- Melville Council claims to be concerned about traffic along South Street. However, in 1999 it supported a Main Roads WA & Liberal Government strategy which created a highway out of South Street. This was done to allow South Street to become a major route for traffic on and off Roe Highway and for direct access to Fremantle. **Roe Highway would not provide a direct route to Fremantle.**
- **Melville Council's highway plans are designed to encourage more car and truck use.** This will lead to more noise and pollution along existing roads and highways and along the new highways Melville Council is supporting. Deleting Roe Stage 8 and the Fremantle 'bypass' would not cause traffic problems on existing roads. **Deleting them will ensure that transportation alternatives are put in place.**
- Under the Melville Council's highway plan, all the traffic horror stories it is spreading will happen. **This is because Melville wants to impose outdated traffic planning and is using discredited traffic projections. The Melville Council should be working towards sustainable transport alternatives.** If these policies received the support they deserve, all communities could be spared the pollution and noise which are inevitable under the Melville Council's current policies.
- **Instead of promoting policies and planning that will improve choices and access, Melville has opted for the failed policy of more roads.** Perth already has more roads per person than all but one city in the world.
- The former Liberal Government was prepared to delete the Stephenson Highway in the northern suburbs. The arguments used for that highway are the same as for Roe Hwy and the Fremantle 'bypass'. **If it is alright to delete the Stephenson Hwy we can delete Roe Hwy Stage 8 and the Fremantle 'bypass'.**

Are you unhappy that Melville Council is spending \$ 1000's of ratepayer's money on a divisive campaign directed at destroying; the important conservation wetlands at Bibra Lakes which are linked to our groundwater, destroying Beeliar Regional Park, homes, green open space and urban bushland in Melville, Fremantle and Cockburn?

**Demand that Melville Council supports deletion of these unnecessary highways and adopts sustainable transport planning. Put in a submission yourself to delete these highways.
Contact TRAC or check the website.**

Some Easy To Introduce Alternatives:

- Divert highway funds into providing improved public transport throughout the metro area.
- Ensure that trucks pay the full cost of damage to roads and health and environmental impacts.
- Increase funding to the TravelSmart traffic management scheme. Extend it to all suburbs.
- Traffic light co-ordination and speed advisory systems along major roads.
- Complete the Perth Mandurah Railway and rail links to Kenwick and Fremantle as soon as possible.
- Backloading of trucks to & from Fremantle Port.