

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Street lighting to improve safety**

Work is about to start on installing street lights at the intersection of Australind Bypass and Raymond Road, in Greater Bunbury, as part of BHP Billiton Worsley Alumina's efforts to help improve local road safety.

Worsley Alumina is funding the \$200,000 project under the guidance of Main Roads WA.

Worsley is also arranging and funding similar street lighting at the intersection of Coalfields Highway and Gastaldo Road along with other modifications to improve traffic flow. It is hoped both intersections will be lit early in the New Year.

External affairs manager Andy van Dijk said road safety was important to Worsley Alumina given the distances its workers had to travel on an increasingly busy road network.

Mr van Dijk said research indicated lighting was a key factor in improving safety at major highway intersections.

"Lighting these busy intersections will go a long way toward improving safety for all motorists," Mr van Dijk said.

"So too will Worsley's plans to discourage ad hoc parking near the intersection of Australind Bypass and Raymond Road by building a dedicated car park off Raymond Road with the assistance of Main Roads."

Worsley is planning a similar car park for Coalfields Highway, in Roelands. The proposal is scheduled to be considered by the Harvey Shire Council on December 9.

Mr van Dijk said it was hoped work would start on both car parks early in the New Year. When completed, the car parks would be open to the general public.

“The provision of these car parks should not only discourage unsafe, ad hoc parking by motorists but also encourage more car pooling and other transport options to reduce traffic volumes,” he said.

The provision of street lighting and car parks were key recommendations in a Worsley-commissioned study into ways to improve road safety in the region.

Worsley is continuing to work with other major road users and road authorities to implement the report’s key findings and undertake other measures to improve road safety.

“Safety, and in this case road safety, is Worsley’s number one focus not only for our workforce but the community in general,” Mr van Dijk said.

“We welcome the opportunity to work with other dedicated groups and companies to make a positive difference on our roads.”

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