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BLACK SPOT PROGRAM FUNDS SET TO SAVE LIVES IN THE NORTH WEST

Residents of the North West Tasmania received a major road safety boost today with the Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government announcing it will invest \$885,000 toward three projects under the 2019–20 Black Spot Program.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said Devonport and Burnie will be made safer thanks to the Government's investment.

"I am pleased to see that projects such as \$415,000 to install a roundabout at the intersection at Fenton Street and Stewart Street in Devonport will be delivered under the 2019–20 funding round," Senator Colbeck said.

"Motorists living within and visiting the North West will also be pleased to know that notorious black spots in a total of three locations in the electorate will be fixed with funding from the program.

"Road crashes place major emotional and economic strains on all affected communities, but particularly the families and friends of the victims."

Nationals Senator Steve Martin said the community's input was critical to identifying key black spots in the electorate.

"None of these projects would be delivered without the community's vital input and I'd encourage all residents and motorists in the region to nominate projects for future funding rounds," Senator Martin said.

"In this round Our Government is also delivering \$400,000 to install a roundabout at the intersection of Berrigan Road and Lyons Avenue in Miandetta and \$70,000 to install a safety barrier on a section of West Mooreville Road near Poimena Road at West Mooreville."

Deputy Prime Minister, Nationals' Leader and Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Michael McCormack said Tasmania would receive \$1.653 million under the latest round of program funding.

"The Federal Liberal and Nationals' Government is committed to making roads safer in Tasmania and right across the nation," Mr McCormack said.

"Representing a regional electorate myself, I know first-hand how road crashes causing death and injury affect smaller communities, so I am very pleased to be able to announce today the details of how this round of Black Spot funding will be distributed.

"By specifically targeting road locations with a history of crashes for safety upgrades such as lighting, signage, traffic lights and roundabouts, the Black Spot Program reduces crashes causing injury and death at those sites by around 30 per cent.

"Under the National Road Safety Strategy 2011–2020, the Australian, state and territory governments have committed to reducing the numbers of deaths and serious injuries recorded on the nation's roads by at least 30 per cent by 2020.

"Fixing the 11 black spots identified in Tasmania over the next 12 months will play a crucial role in helping us achieve that goal."

The Australian Government is providing \$744.5 million to the Black Spot Program between 2013–14 and 2021–22 to improve road safety across the nation.

For more information on the Australian Government's Black Spot Program, or to nominate a black spot, visit: <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/blackspots>.

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