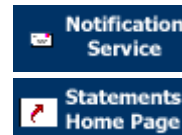


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### Lake Road trial to proceed.

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Planning and Infrastructure Minister Alannah MacTiernan today announced that Main Roads would carry out a trial to determine the future of the Lake Road railway crossing in the southern Perth suburb of Champion Lakes.

The Minister said that the trial was being held in response to residents' concerns about local access. The trial would establish whether the crossing could operate safely once the new Tonkin Highway Extension opened to traffic on April 2, 2005.

"Local access is an important factor in the final decision on the crossing, but it must be balanced with safety," Ms MacTiernan said.

"We cannot ignore that this intersection is a State Blackspot and a significant traffic and safety problem for the local community.

"It has the third highest incident count on the Armadale passenger line and has an average number of crashes per year around ten times higher than other crossings on the network.

"But equally, before making our decision, we must consider all options for the crossing and get a better idea of whether there is another long-term solution that achieves the right balance between accessibility and safety," the Minister said.

"We need to understand what impact the Tonkin Highway Extension will have on the intersection and whether it can operate safely with the new traffic volumes and patterns.

"To achieve this, the trial will run for four weeks, starting on Saturday April 2, and will include two different scenarios to restrict traffic movements at the crossing and measure the associated impacts.

"This will firstly involve reducing the width of Lake Road near the intersection and banning the right turn movement from Lake Road into Corfield Street.

"Depending on the interim results, Main Roads may then trial the second scenario where the median in Albany Highway will be closed to ban right turn movements into and out of Lake Road to the southbound carriageway," Ms MacTiernan said.

"This will provide valuable traffic and safety information that can then be considered as part of the final decision."

The Minister said that the final decision regarding the Lake Road crossing would be announced in May, once the results of the trial have been thoroughly considered.

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