Please accept my comments for this review

I have eight years experience in the field of Travel Demand Management with a particular focus on TravelSmart and Road Safety within Western Australia. I also have a background in Public Health.

Our current car dominated transport system is not sustainable and both politicians and the community need to accept that ‘things will change’ (nothing is more certain than change) significantly in the next 20-50 years and we need to prepare and plan for those changes. There needs to be a much greater focus on alternative modes of transport to the car (ie Cycling, walking, public transport) not just from a personal transportation perspective but also including commercial and heavy freight/goods transportation.

There are significant quality of life benefits to us all if we chose to make some brave decisions now, however if we choose to continue to work to the current model then we will be facing a serious erosion of the quality of life that Australians currently take for granted.

Currently we spend the vast majority of our transport budget on new roads and infrastructure that encourage more and longer car trips. The FBT system works to encourage businesses to provide fleet vehicles (and in many instances driving for the safe of clocking up kilometres) at a time when we should be promoting public transport and cycling.

The following is a list of some suggestions as to how this government could make some significant changes for the better:

- Improved funding opportunities for behaviour change and educational programs, in particular those that have proven benefits. Eg TravelSmart Household, Ride2school.

- Fringe benefits that encourage car use and actively discourage non-car transport modes is a very serious concern that needs to be addressed.

- Funding for public transport be increased, and where this results in increased patronage the money should be redirected to provide more frequent services.

- Current funding criteria needs to be reviewed and consolidated so that the process is more accessible to state and local government. Local government is contributing an enormous amount of energy and
resources in developing often very innovative programs and approaches to dealing with the issues of sustainability and global warming.

- Current funding models should be reviewed to encourage alternative modes of transport. Eg Auslink funding, blackspot funding schemes should be rebadged to ensure a certain percentage is spent on cycling and public transport infrastructure (these are legitimate road users yet don’t feature largely in road funding).

- State planning guidance on developments and the need for Sustainable Travel / Access plans and end of trip facilities

- Full Integration of Public Transport and cycling ie dedicated cycle storage on Trains anytime of the day and racks on some buses

- Demand Management at all Public/Government buildings.

- Design specifications in new schools and government buildings to promote multimodal access, kiss and ride bays, secure covered cycle compounds, showers and changing areas bus lay-bys etc.

- Provide positive incentives for members of the community that want to make a contribution. Eg watertank rebate scheme, solar hot water rebates and other such schemes similar to those currently offered in WA. Many people in the community want to make a contribution towards reducing their ecological footprint but need some assistance in doing so.

Yours sincerely,

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