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Cockburn committed to ending your #nightmarecommute

The City of Cockburn is committed to putting an end to the #nightmarecommute today, 14 September, by joining forces with the National Growth Areas Alliance (NGAA) National Nightmare Commute Day.

As part of its commitment to residents to improve traffic congestion, the City joined with its neighbour, the City of Armadale, nearly three years ago to launch the Community Connect South (CCS) project.

This lobbying campaign paid off with \$145M being allocated to widen Armadale Road between Anstey Road and Tapper Drive.

In the lead up to the recent State election, CCS realised further outcomes including \$237M to build the **Armadale Road/North Lake Road bridge** over the Kwinana Freeway.

A further \$49M was allocated to widen Kwinana Freeway northbound between Russell Road and Roe Highway, and \$15M for the upgrade of Karel Avenue.

Mayor Logan Howlett said with traffic congestion reported as the biggest issue in the City, Cockburn's residents and businesses would reap the benefits of reduced travel times and more travel options that these projects would bring.

"This is why campaigns like Community Connect South and #nightmarecommute by the NGAA – of which the City of Cockburn is a member – are so important," Mayor Howlett said.

"National Nightmare Commute Day sends a loud message to the Federal Government that the five million Australians living in fast-growing outer suburbs like Cockburn's, that investment in public transport, roads and essential services is not keeping up.

"Across our capital cities, fast-growing outer suburbs accommodated 35% of Australia's population growth over the last five years – much more than any other area or region.



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“But we received the lowest level of Federal Government spending on infrastructure such as roads and train lines – just 13%.

“That’s why our Council isn’t afraid to get its hand dirty to support united efforts to lobby government for funding to help reduce congestion in our high growth areas.

“We live here too, so we understand the frustration of losing hours every day travelling from the outer suburbs to work and study on congested roads and public transport.”

For more information on the City’s road projects for 2017-18, go to <https://www.cockburn.wa.gov.au/Building-and-Development/Transport-Traffic-and-Parking/Road-and-Traffic-Updates>

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