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More Labor lies on safety funds as road fatalities continue to rise

FAST FACTS

- **1,259 road deaths during 2023, a 6.7% increase on previous year**
- **Australia experienced its highest national road toll since 2016 (1,294 fatalities)**
- **MYEFO shows no additional Black Spot road safety funding for four years under Labor**

With MYEFO exposing no extra money will be allocated to fix road accident Black Spots for another four years, the Albanese Labor government has been caught out lying about funding for the Commonwealth's "cornerstone" road safety program.

In its first 19 months, Labor has:

- stripped \$69 million from the Black Spot road safety program in 2022-23
- under-spent the Black Spot program by at least \$16 million in 2023-24
- abolished the Keys2Drive, Amy Gillet Foundation, Road Safety Innovation Fund and the Road Safety Awareness and Enablers Fund
- abolished the Roads of Strategic Importance program to upgrade secondary freight routes
- announced abolition of the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program; and
- discontinued the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

Federal member for Braddon, Gavin Pearce MP said that when Australia's national road toll is at a seven-year high, it's government's responsibility to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Failing to deliver critical funding to road safety black spots is simply unacceptable.

"Far too many families are losing loved ones on our roads, especially regional and rural roads, and this Albanese Labor government needs to do more to fix that," Mr Pearce said.

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