

4<sup>th</sup> January 2005

The Honorable Michelle Roberts  
Minister for Police & Emergency Services  
13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Dumas House  
2 Havelock Street  
West Perth WA 6005

Dear Ms Roberts,

### **Safety Warning Systems**

Over the past two years, the Australian Drivers Rights Association (**ADRA**) has been informing you about the successful use of Safety Warning Systems (**SWS**) on WA roads. I am pleased to announce two new major developments in regard to these privately funded and supported Road Safety Systems.

Thanks to the generous support of the various industries involved, we have recently installed **SWS** transmitters along the **New Metro Rail project**, on Perth freeway sites. This will provide warning of the road construction hazard up to a kilometre ahead, to approaching drivers with Driver Warning Systems. This will help to protect the “at risk” workers and road users. The New Metro Rail project is the largest public infrastructure project ever undertaken by the Government, and we are proud to be able to assist in increasing the road safety around these sites.

I am also pleased to advise that **Advance Life Ambulance** vehicles, based in Rockingham, have been equipped with SWS transmitters. These contain two radar emitted voice and LED messages; “**Warning, stationary emergency vehicle ahead**” and “**Warning, emergency vehicle in transit**”.

Along with these projects, the SWS is being utilised on all new **St John Ambulance** vehicles, some **FESA** emergency vehicles, tow trucks, traffic management vehicles and electronic arrow boards. At the same time, the total estimated number of vehicles equipped with SWS receivers in use within Western Australia is over **60,000**, mainly professional, responsible drivers who spend a large proportion of their time on the road. They would account for **1 in 10** vehicles on the roads at any time.

We have received numerous letters of thanks and support from organisations affected by this Road Safety Project. This includes Unions, traffic management companies, the St John Ambulance and road users. We have also received supportive letters from the **Minister for Health, Minister for Employment Protection** and Shadow Ministers. We have had meetings with **Worksafe** officers and Police to identify other areas where the SWS transmitters and Driver Warning Systems can be used to help save lives.

This innovative technology is continuing to make the roads of Western Australia a safer place. This is in line with the policies of your party and the aims of responsible government. It is also making Western Australia a national leader in privately funded and supported road safety projects.

Leading up to the next state election, **ADRA** is seeking your Party's confirmation that if re-elected, this innovative and successful project will not be obstructed by new government legislation during the next term of Government. We will be advising our **10,000 ADRA members**, the **60,000 Driver Warning System users**, the **CFMEU, AWU** and other union members, and industry participants of your response.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me, and we look forward to your response and continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

Glenn Secco  
**President, ADRA**

*Stay Alert, Don't speed, Drive safe,*