Our ref: 63-08365

Mr Iain Cameron
Chair
Road Safety Council

Dear Mr Cameron

The State Government has decided to provide funding for a new Police helicopter. It is proposed that the capital funding of $26.9 million across the forward estimates be sourced from the Road Trauma Trust Account.

I note that funds from the Account are to be applied for measures or activities that pertain to road safety and the reduction of death, injury and property damage resulting from incidents on roads. Also, a measure or activity may be funded from the proceeds of the Account to the extent that the measure or activity is for the purposes identified above.

The Western Australia Police Force advise that the Police helicopter plays an important role in road safety, including through its contributions to traffic enforcement, the management and safe resolution of pursuits and the apprehension of offending drivers. The helicopter is also a designated back up aeromedical resource and one of the State’s resources for delivering heavy cutting equipment to road traffic crash scenes. Further information will be provided by the Western Australia Police Force.

I write to you regarding this matter pursuant to Section 6A of the Road Safety Council Act 2002.

Yours sincerely

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MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY

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