

Rethink Eastlink 2025 State (WA) and Federal Election Candidate Questions

Question 1. Are you for or against the building of Eastlink WA (also referred to as the Orange Route / Perth Adelaide National Highway (PANH))? Please provide a definitive answer and avoid prevaricating.

Question 2. Please explain the basis of your stance and what you believe will be the impacts / outcomes if this road is built.

Question 3. Various concerns have been raised by stakeholders / community members in regard to this road. They include but are not limited to those listed below. How would you address these concerns should the road proceed?

- *Outdated concept and planning (Orange Route first proposed approximately forty years ago with no material action since that time). Is this the most appropriate solution to a perceived problem in 2025? Is it aligned with other WA major infrastructure planning such as the Kwinana outer harbour port?*
- *80% of the traffic between Perth and Northam consists of local movements. Do you think this concept addresses the existing issues including black spot intersections?*
- *Separation of townships and impacts on existing businesses that rely on through traffic.*
- *Impacts on historical and heritage assets such as the Kep Track and Aboriginal heritage sites.*
- *Psychosocial impacts from forced land seizure and negative impacts on landholder amenity from noise, air and visual pollution.*
- *Destruction of highly valuable remnant vegetation in road reserves and private property further impacting endangered species (including Carnaby's Black-Cockatoos).*
- *Impact on waterways*
- *Cost. Is this additional road a justifiable use of taxpayer money?*
- *Inefficiency of road freight transport compared to rail / sea.*
- *Safety for commuters given the likely increase in truck/trailer length, allowable speed and movements.*
- *Alternatives to the proposed Eastlink road have been raised such as:*
 - *Developing effective rail networks in the area*
 - *Truck only roads for road trains.*
 - *Utilising / upgrading the Norseman / Hyden / Perth roads as the main East west corridor, reducing distances by 100 km each way and providing a southern entry closer to the proposed port.*

Would you be willing to explore alternative solutions?